

Idaho NRCS Snow Survey and Water Supply Information

Idaho Department of Water Resources
State Water Supply Committee Meeting
Boise, Idaho
April 11, 2008

Bear Basin SNOTEL Site
Capped Precipitation Gage
March 2008

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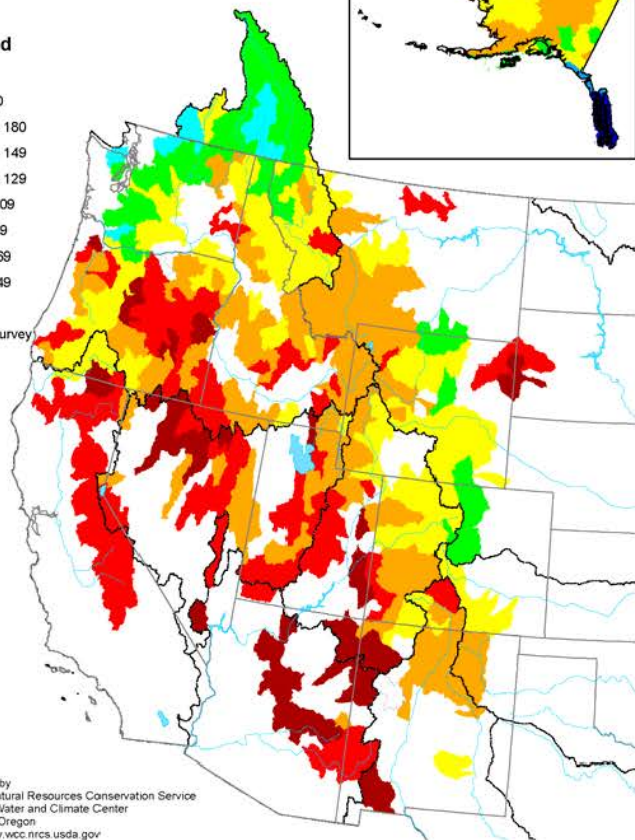
Presentation available at

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Mountain Snowpack as of April 1, 2007

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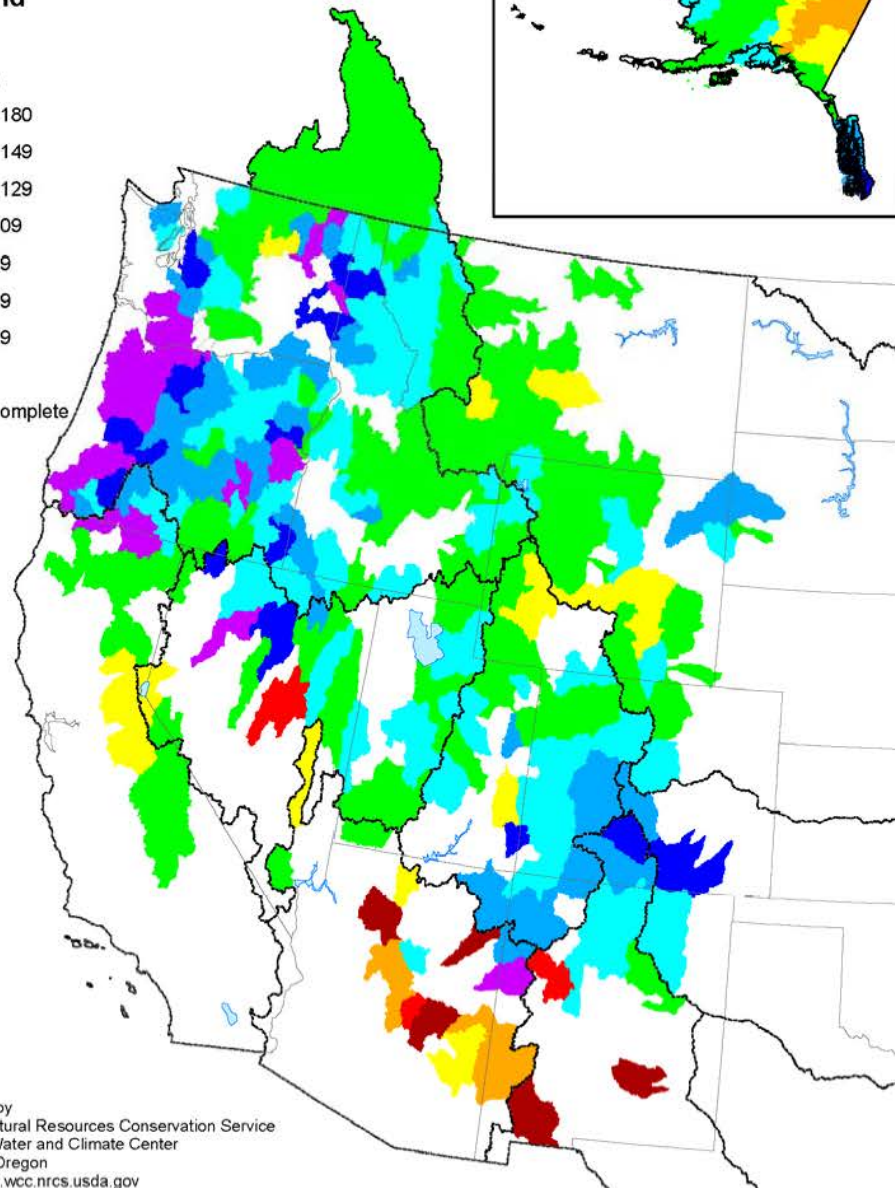
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April 1, 2007
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State Boundary

Major Basins

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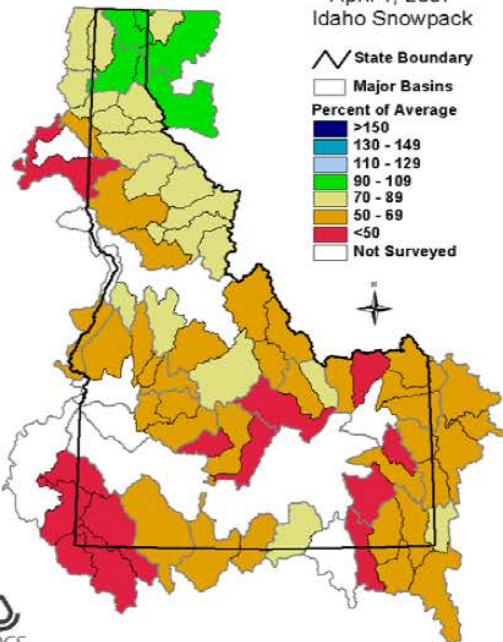
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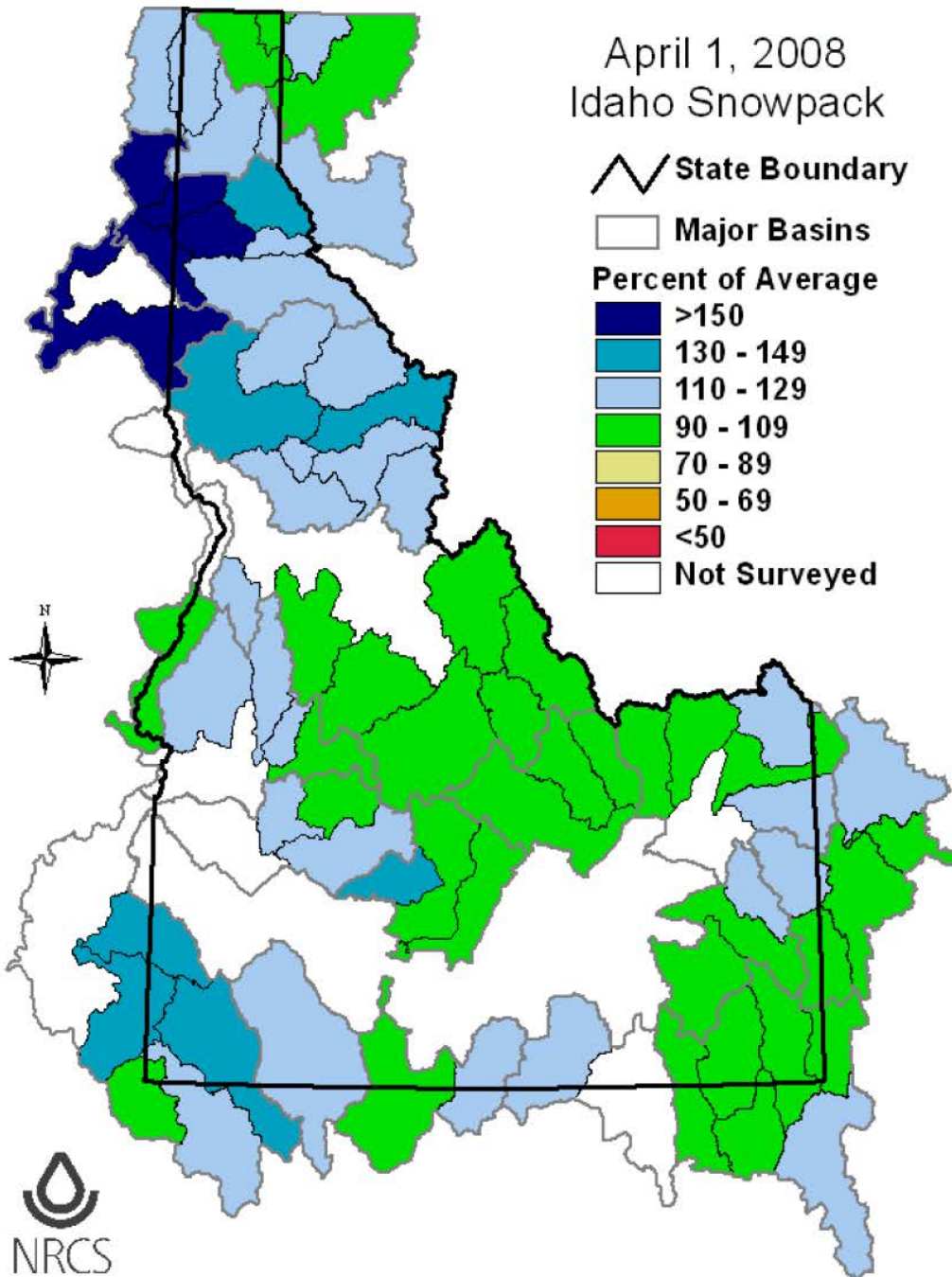
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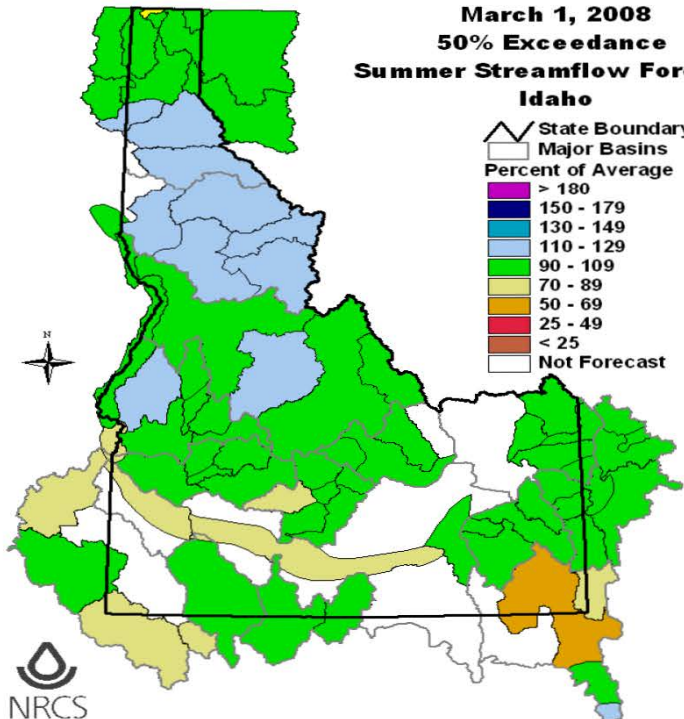
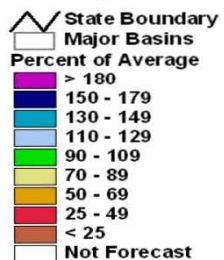
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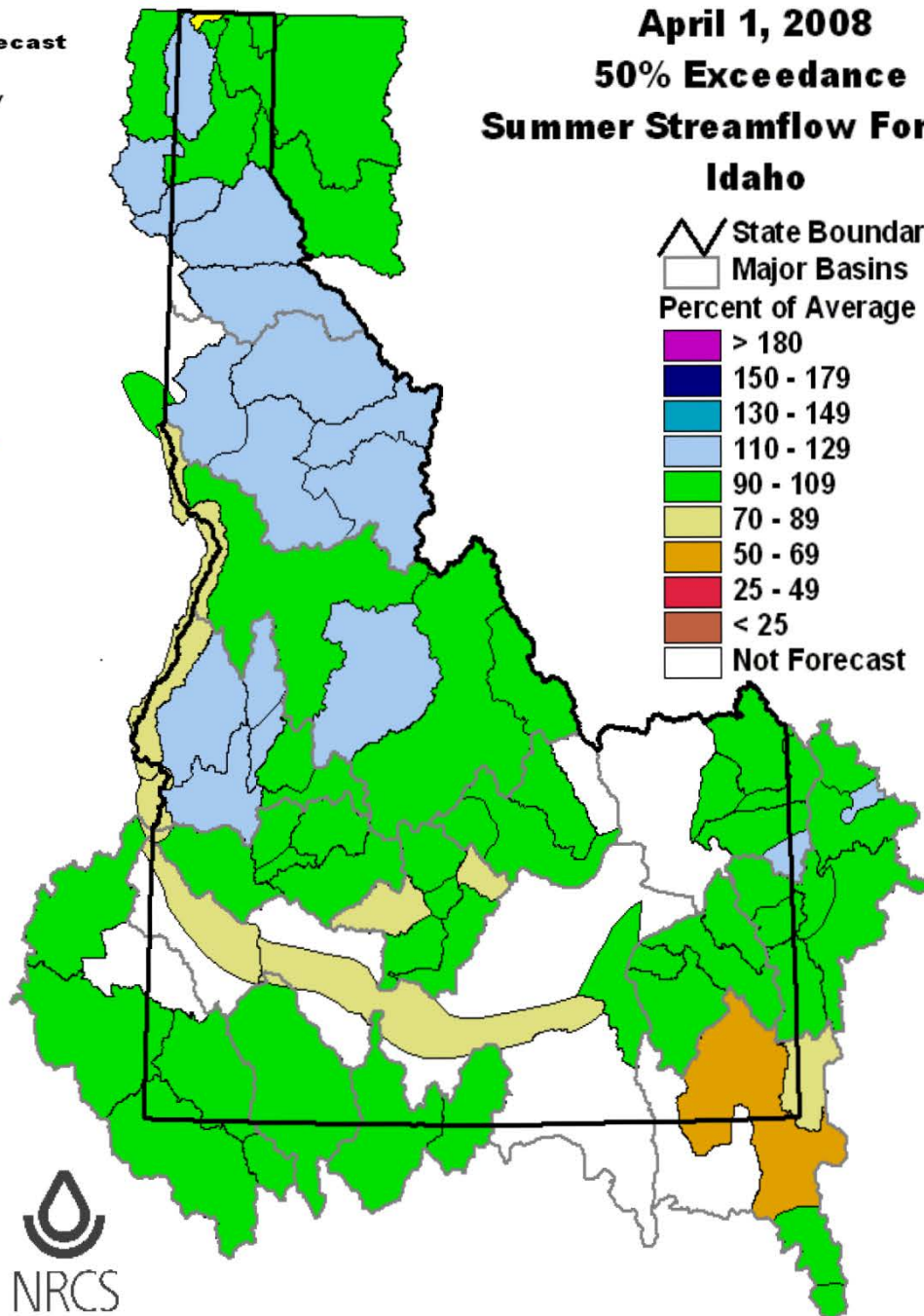
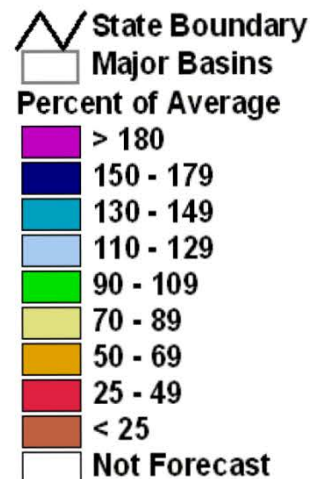
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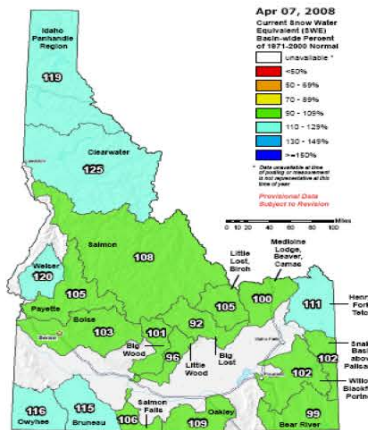


**March 1, 2008
50% Exceedance
Summer Streamflow Forecast
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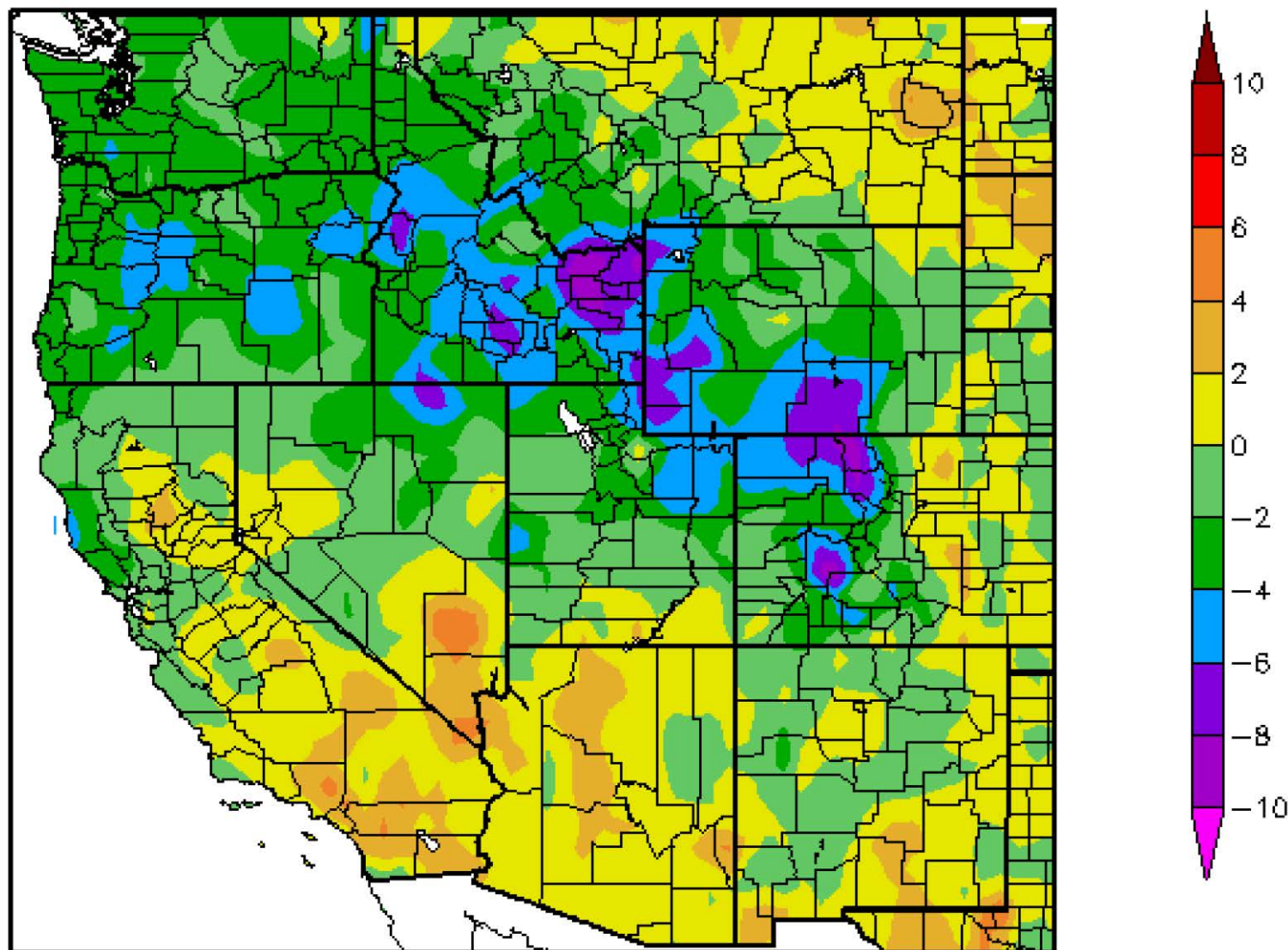
SNOTEL Snowpack Summary Report

for April 10, 2008

Region or Basin	April 10 SWE as % of Average	April 10 SWE as % of Seasonal Peak
IDAHO PANHANDLE REGION	121	117
CLEARWATER BASIN	126	124
SALMON BASIN	109	107
WEISER BASIN	124	117
PAYETTE BASIN	105	104
BOISE BASIN	104	97
BIG WOOD BASIN	102	96
LITTLE WOOD BASIN	99	95
BIG LOST BASIN	92	91
LITTLE LOST, BIRCH BASINS	105	103
MEDICINE LODGE, BEAVER, CAMAS BASINS	101	99
HENRYS FORK, TETON BASINS	112	110
SNAKE BASIN ABOVE PALISADES	103	101
WILLOW, BLACKFOOT, PORTNEUF BASINS	107	100
OAKLEY BASIN	113	109
SALMON FALLS BASIN	111	107
BRUNEAU BASIN	123	113
OWYHEE BASIN	126	104
BEAR RIVER BASIN	101	98

SWE = Snow Water Equivalent

Departure from Normal Temperature (F)
3/1/2008 – 3/31/2008



SNOTEL 14-Day Average Temperature Anomaly (Degrees F)
Apr 10, 2008

**14-Day
Average
Temperature
Anomaly (F)**

- ✖ < -20 cold
- ▼ -20 - -15
- ▼ -15 - -10
- ▼ -10 - -5
- ▼ -5 - 0
- ▲ 0 - 5
- ▲ 5 - 10
- ▲ 10 - 15
- ▲ 15 - 20
- ✚ > 20 warm

Analysis includes sites with
at least 15 years of historical data.
Anomalies are departures
from the 14-day average of the
period of record median.
Temperature is measured from
midnight to midnight.



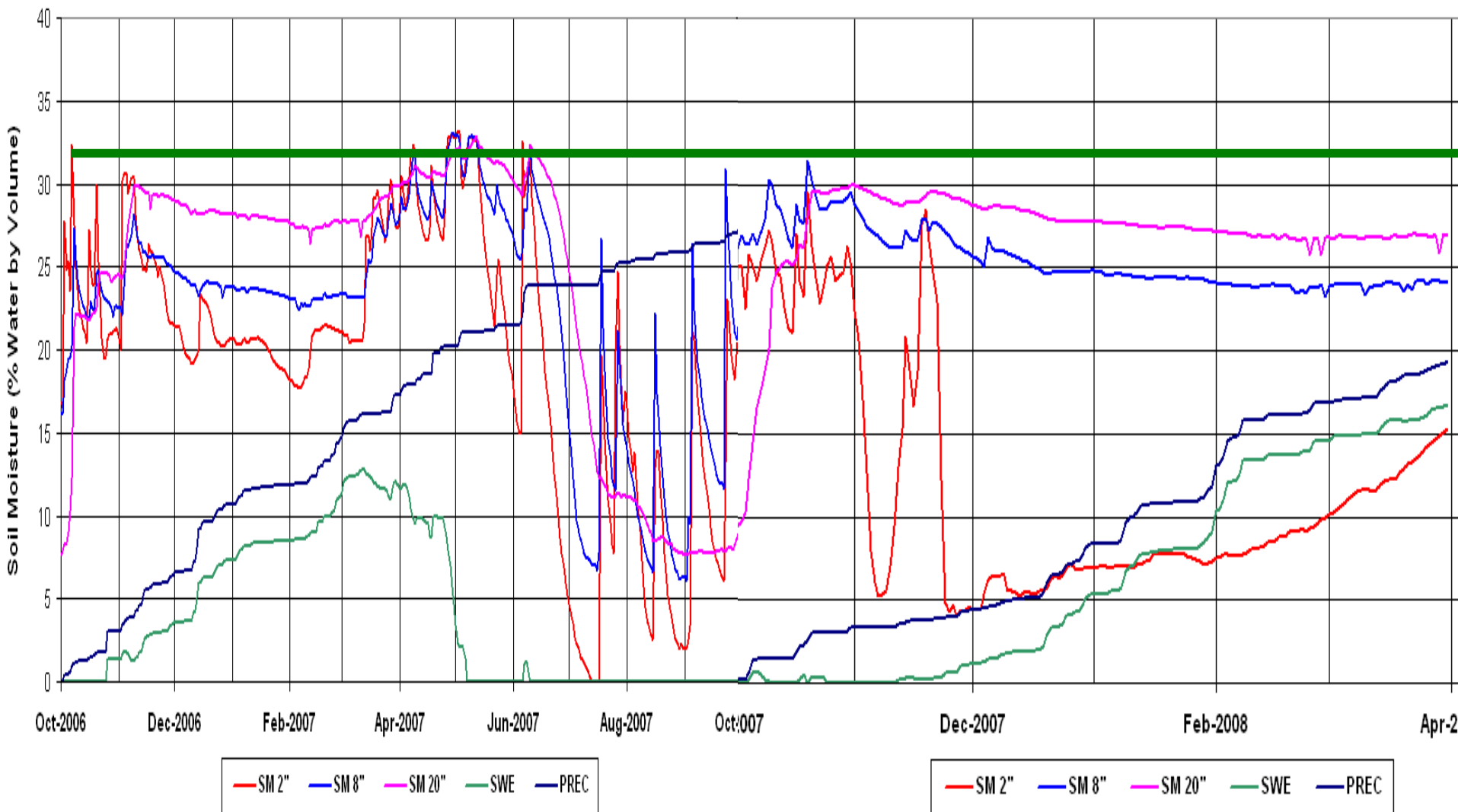
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2008 Soil Moisture Near Field Capacity

Magic Mountain Soil Moisture - Water Year 2007

Magic Mountain Soil Moisture - Water Year 2008





IDAHO RESERVOIR STORAGE

Usable Contents

Reservoir (s)	Percent of Capacity December 31, 2007	Percent of Capacity March 31, 2008	Percent of Average March 31, 2008
Magic	9	15	27
Blackfoot	23	27	42
Bear Lake	24	28	43
Owyhee	24	24	44
Salmon Falls	15	20	51
Little Wood	31	36	56
Palisades & Jackson (2)	33	44	69
Coeur d' Alene	30	91	75
Oakley	30	40	84
Mackay	39	62	85
Boise (3)	41	57	92
American Falls	42	79	92
Dworshak	65	62	97
Payette (2)	61	63	104

2008 Idaho Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) For February, March and April 2008

BASIN or/ REGION	February SWSI Value	March SWSI Value	April SWSI Value	Agricultural Surface Water Supply Shortage May Occur When SWSI is Less Than
PANHANDLE	-0.3	1.1	1.6	NA
CLEARWATER	1.8	2.3	2.3	NA
SALMON	1.2	1.2	0.8	NA
WEISER	1.0	1.0	0.8	NA
PAYETTE	0.3	1.2	0.8	NA
BOISE	0.3	0.3	0.3	-2.1
BIG WOOD	-0.1	-0.1	-1.4	-0.7
LITTLE WOOD	0.8	0.3	0.3	-2.0
BIG LOST	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
LITTLE LOST	0.1	-0.1	-1.0	0.3
HENRYS FORK	0.2	0.5	-0.8	-3.5
SNAKE –Heise	-0.8	0.3	0.3	-1.4
OAKLEY	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2
SALMON FALLS	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	-1.6
BRUNEAU	-0.8	-0.8	-0.5	NA
BEAR RIVER	-3.0	-2.9	-2.9	-3.4

SWSI SCALE, PERCENT CHANCE OF EXCEEDANCE, AND INTERPRETATION

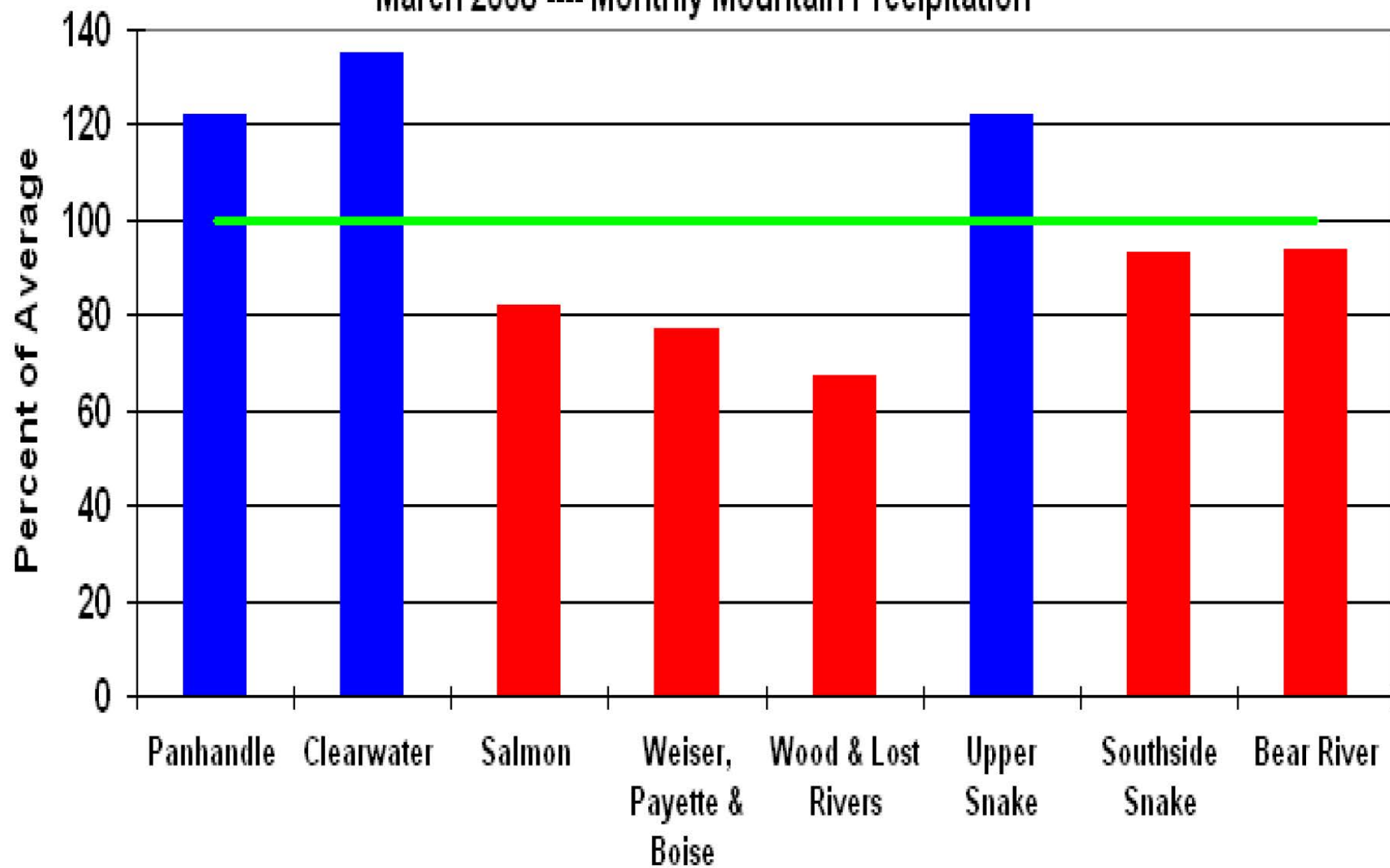
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99%	87%	75%	63%	50%	37%	25%	13%	1%

Much	Below	Near Normal			Above	Much		
Below	Normal	Water Supply			Normal	Above		



Bear Basin
SNOTEL
near McCall
March 2008

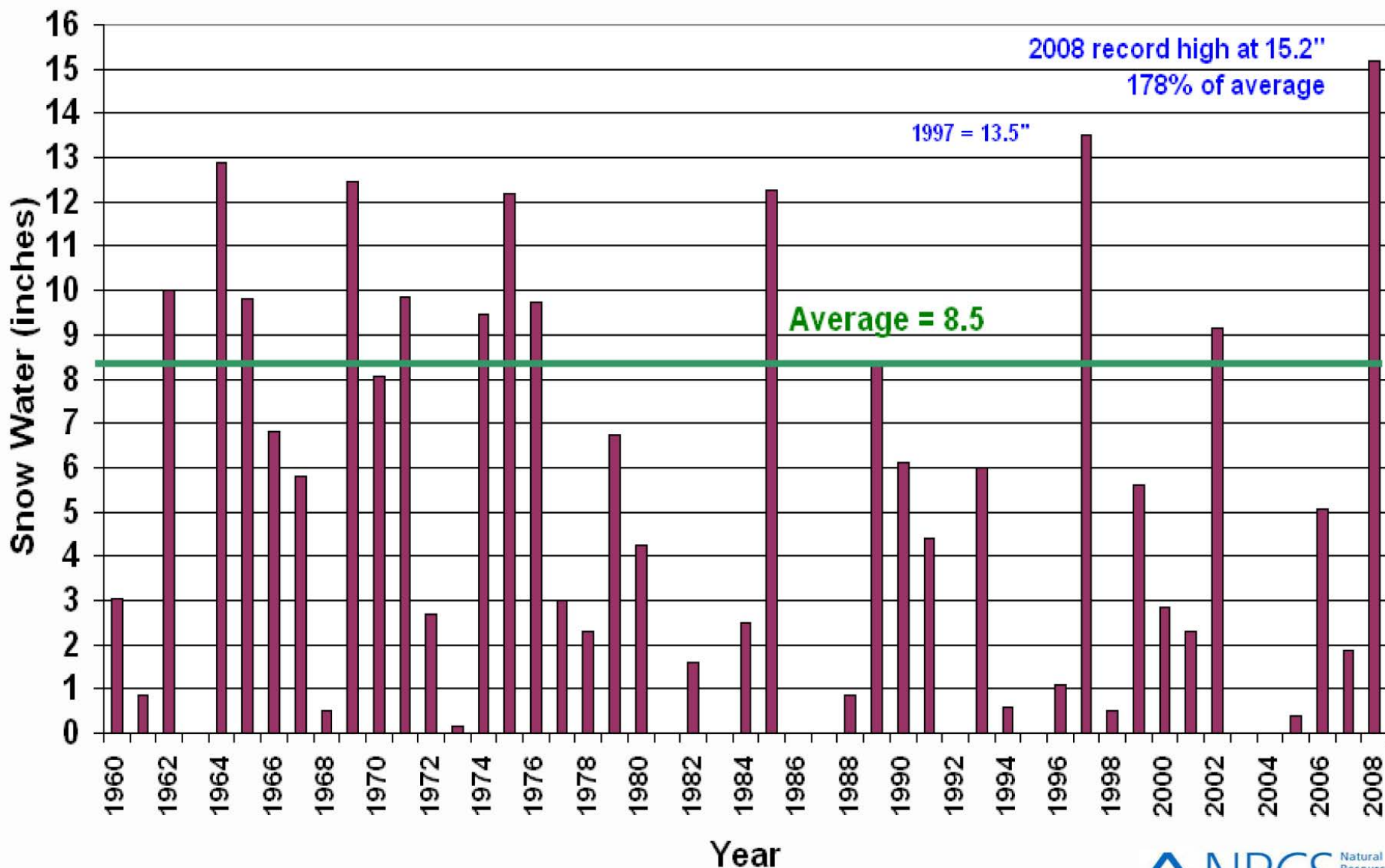
March 2008 ---- Monthly Mountain Precipitation



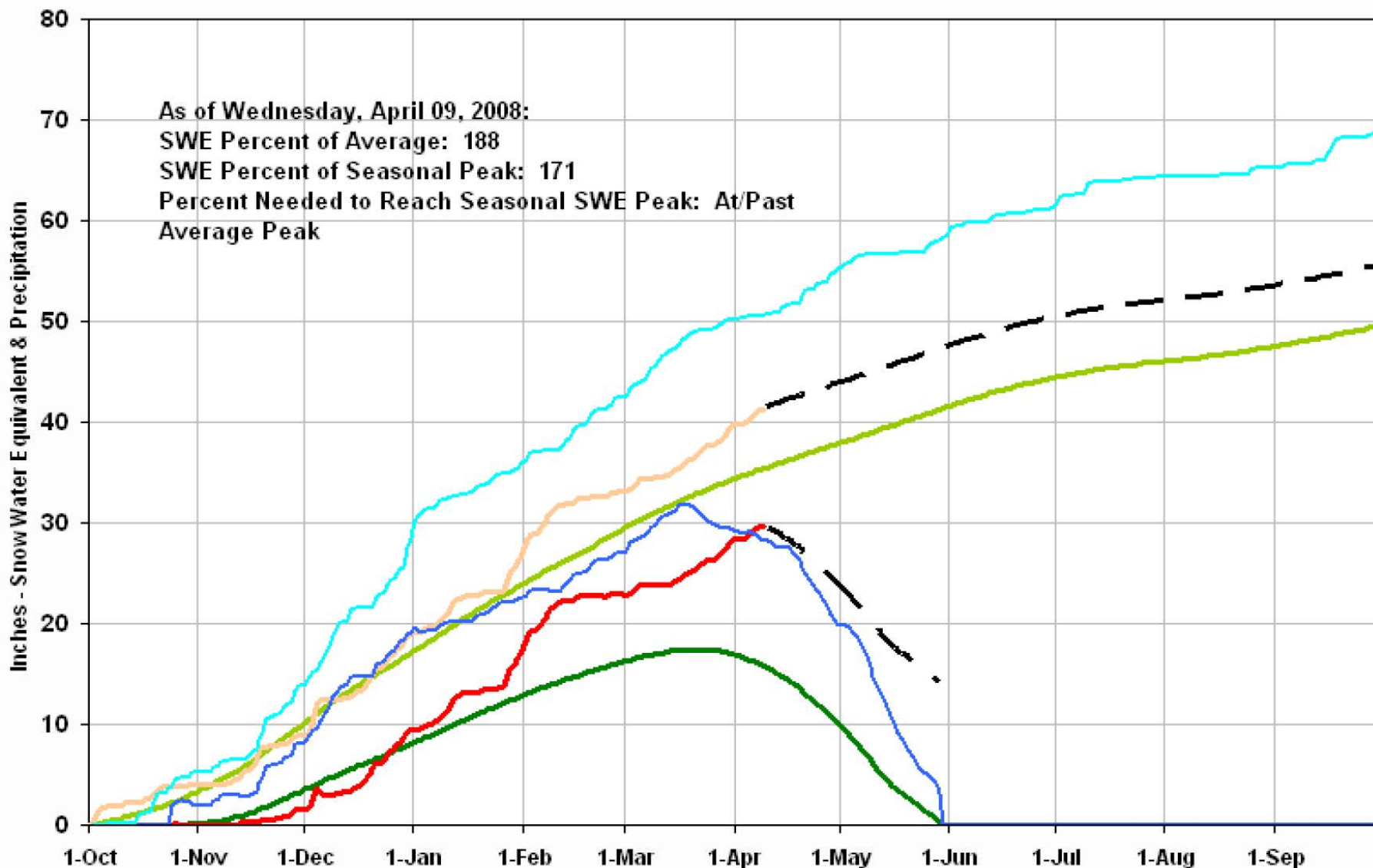
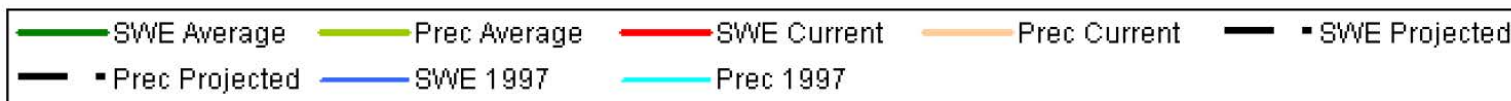
April 1 Snow Water Index for Two Low Elevation Snow Courses in Panhandle

Benton Meadow Snow Course, 2370 ft, Priest River

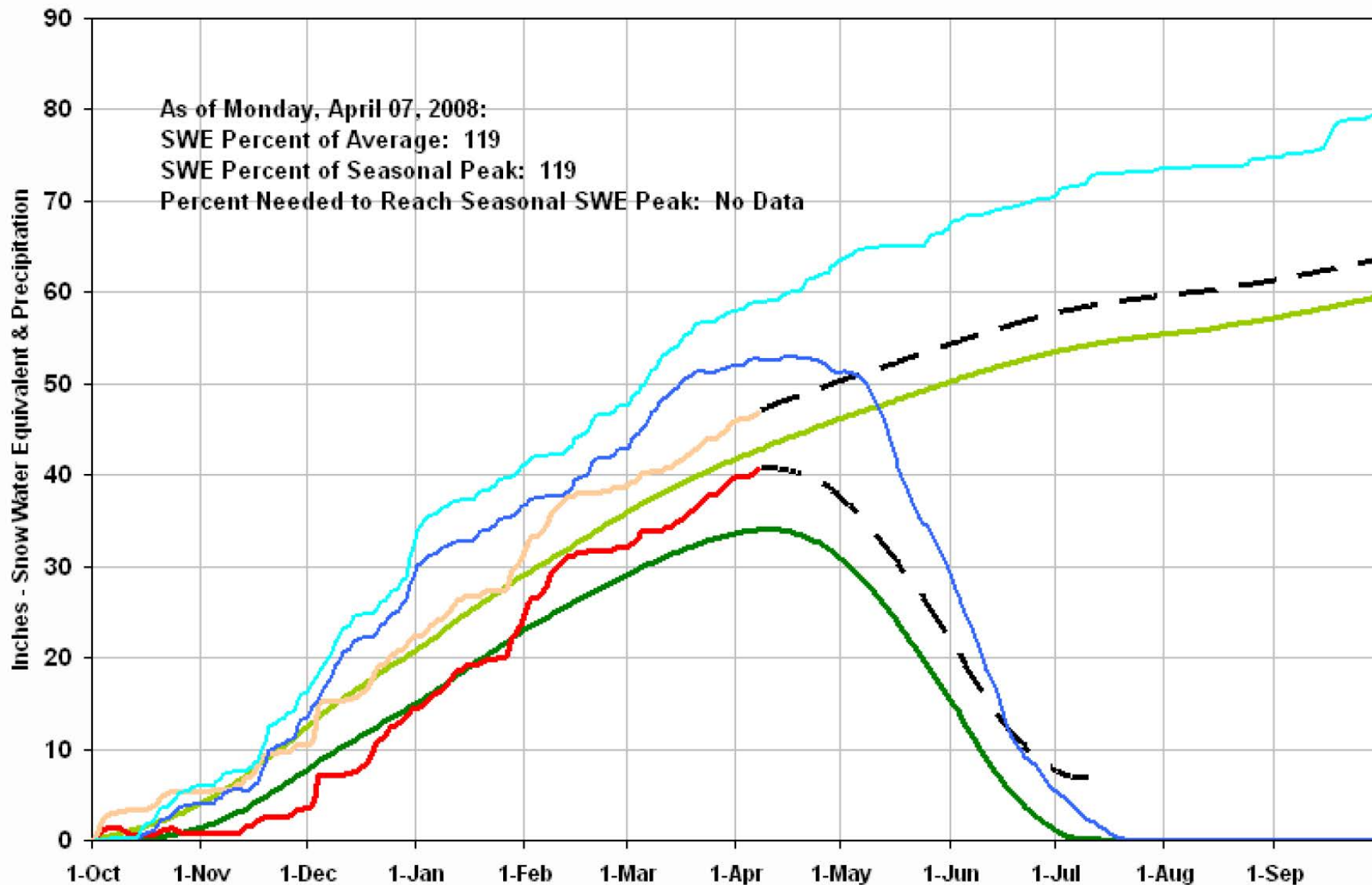
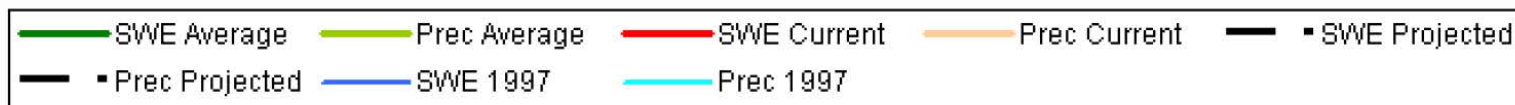
Fourth of July Summit Snow Course, 3200 ft, Coeur d'Alene River



Panhandle Region 2008 Snowpack Graph (4 low elevation sites)



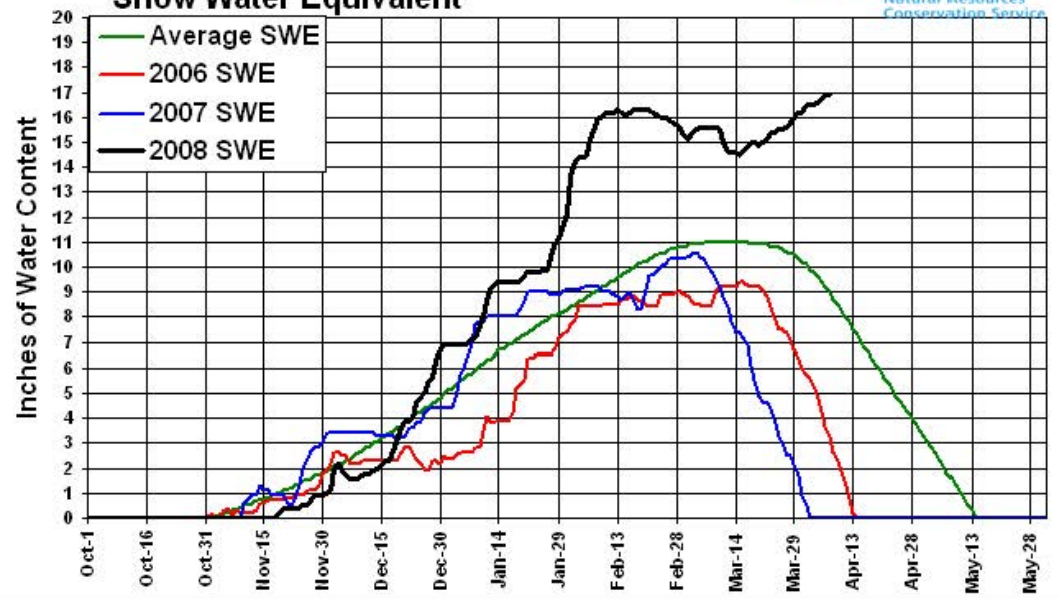
Panhandle Region 2008 Snowpack Graph (13 Sites)



Sherwin SNOTEL EI. 3200

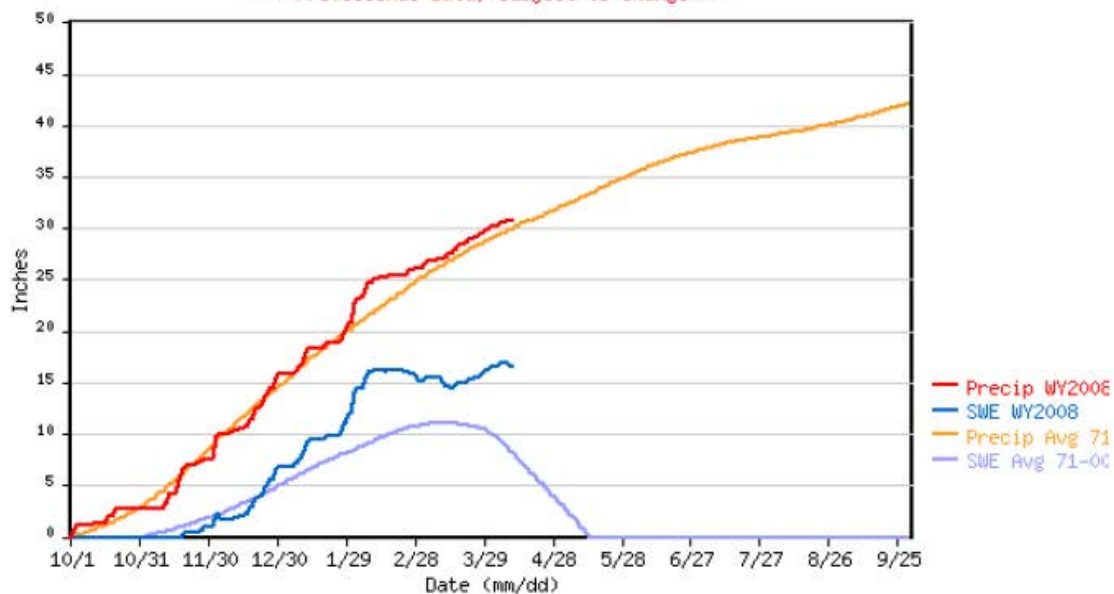


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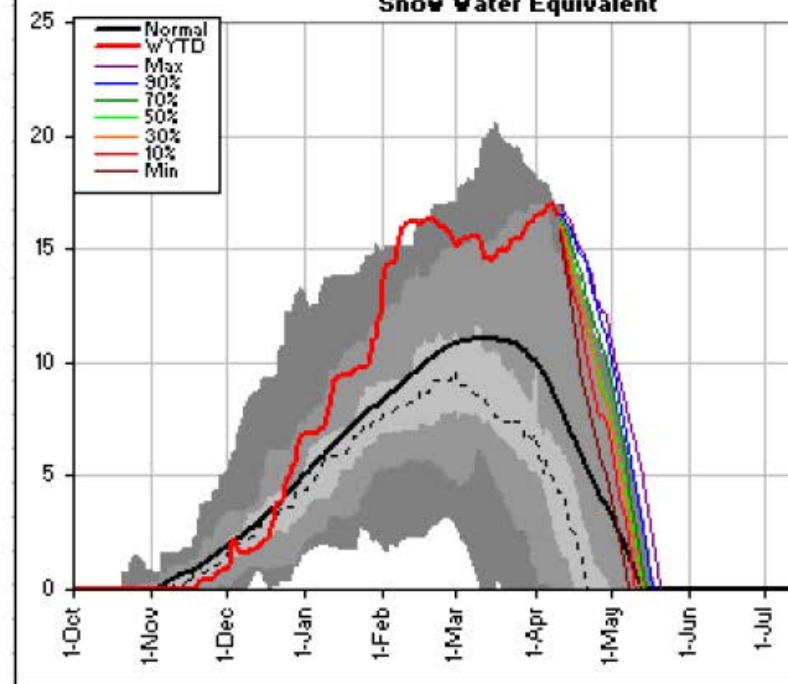


SHERWIN SNOTEL for Water Year 2008

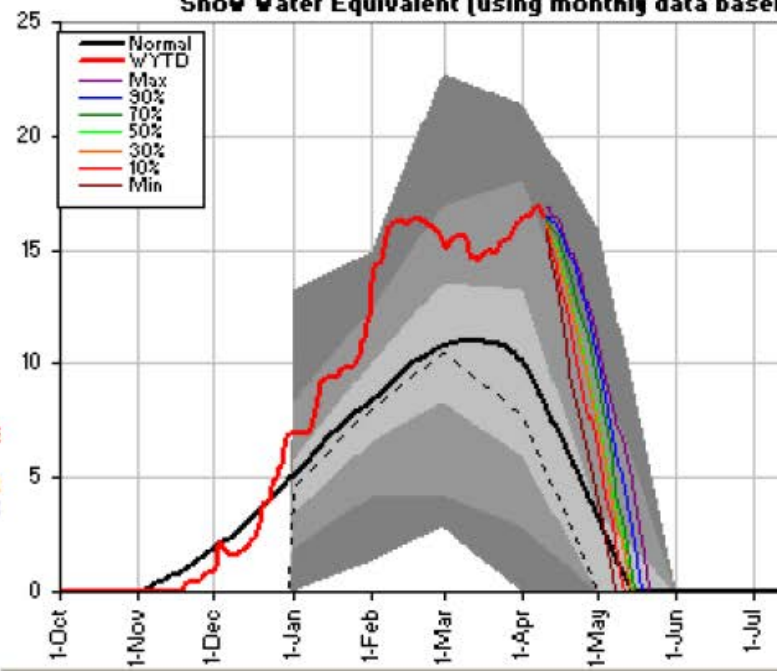
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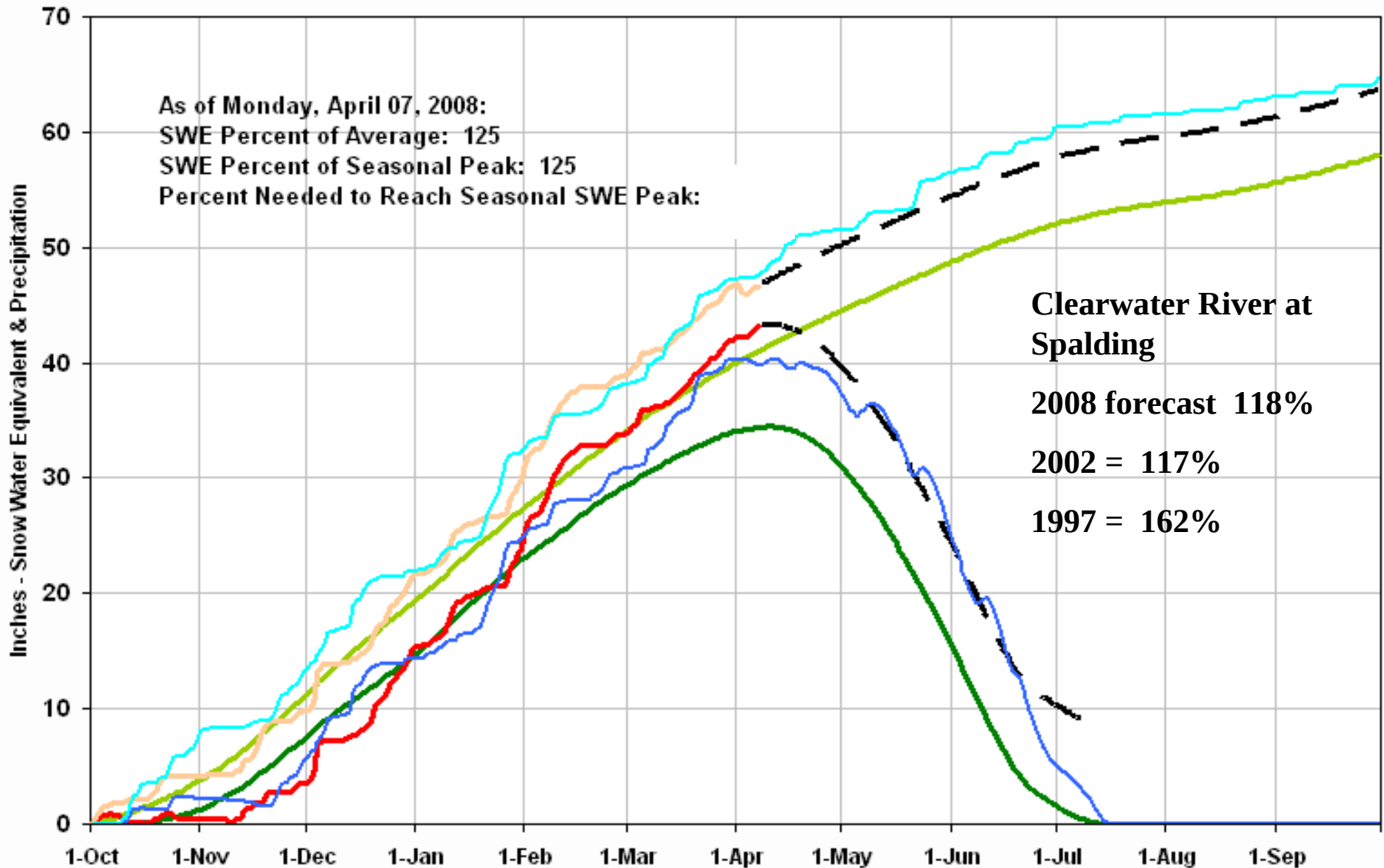
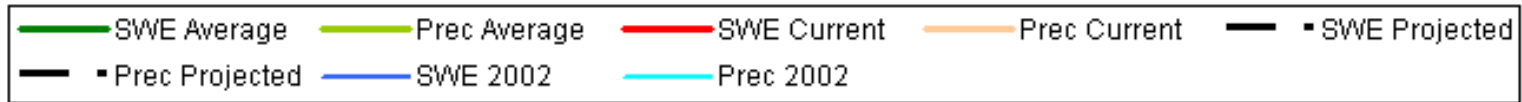
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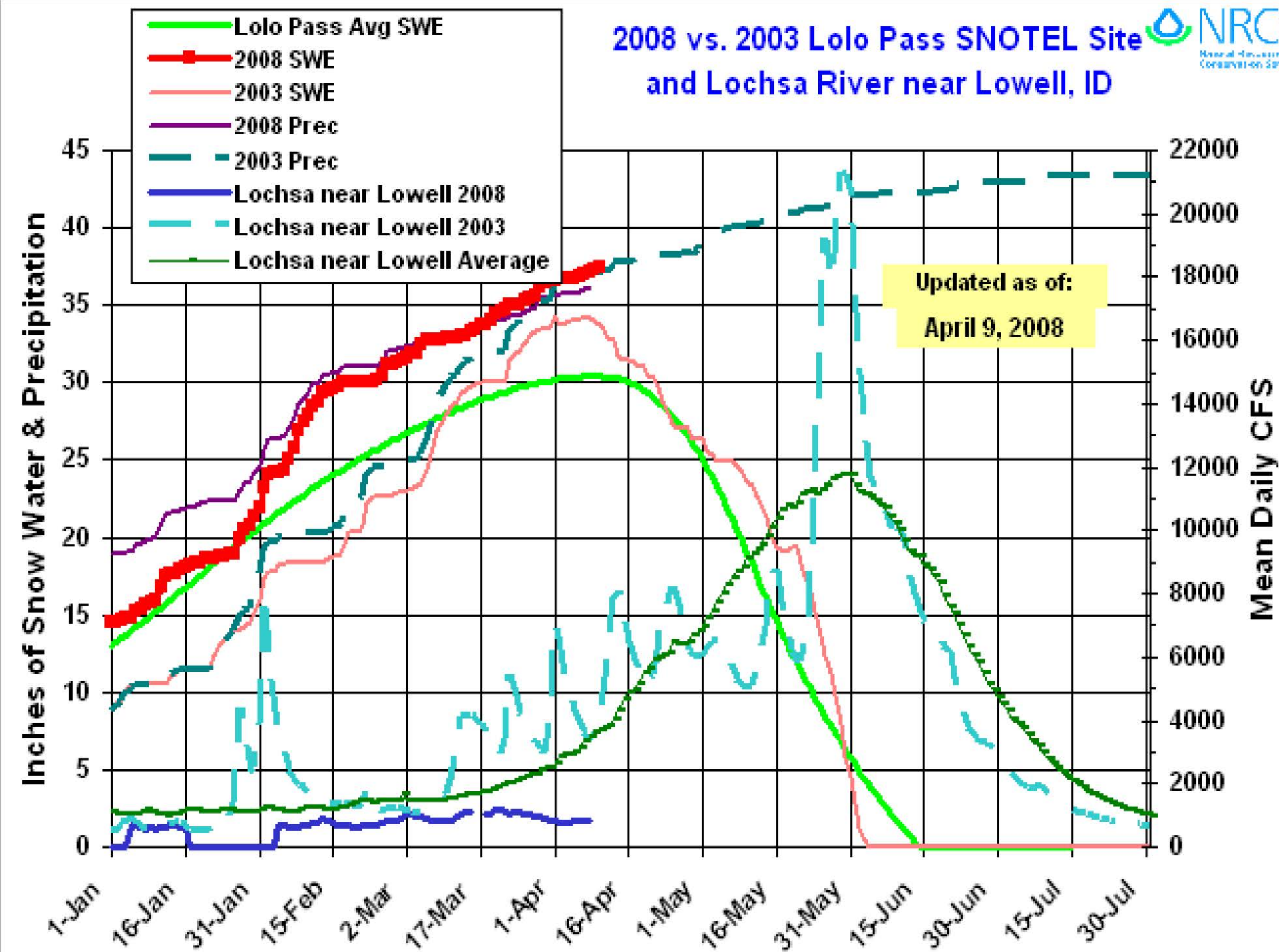
Snow Water Equivalent (using monthly data base)

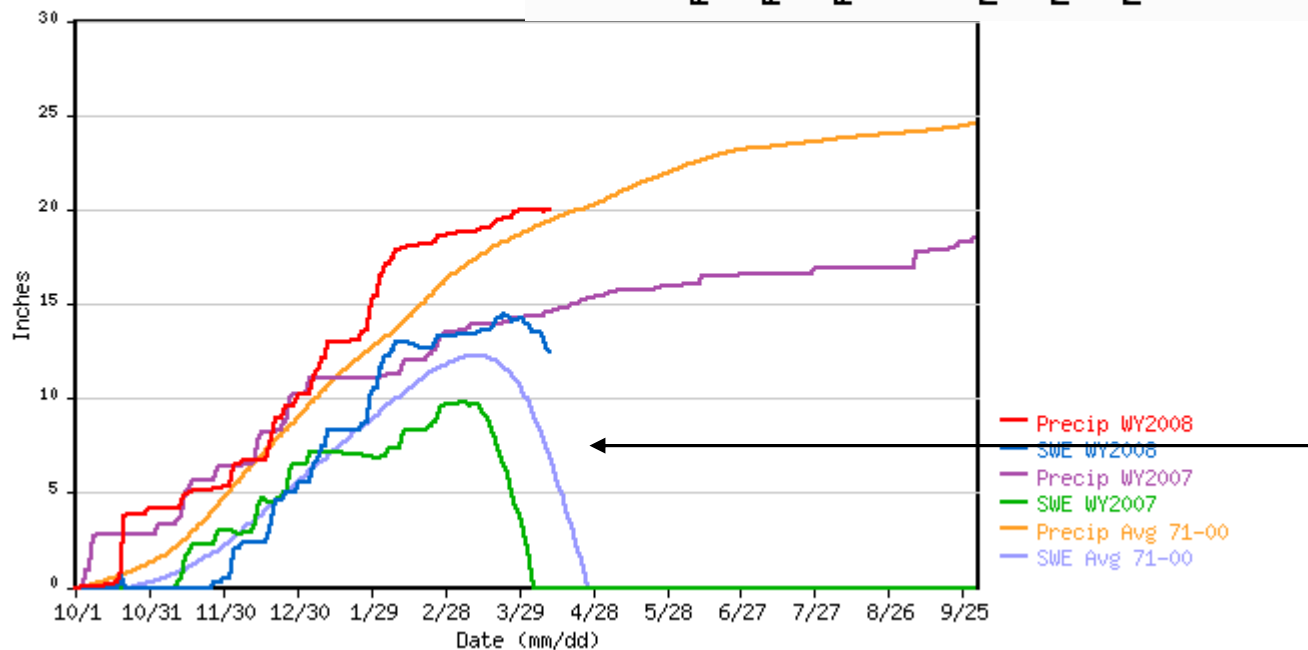
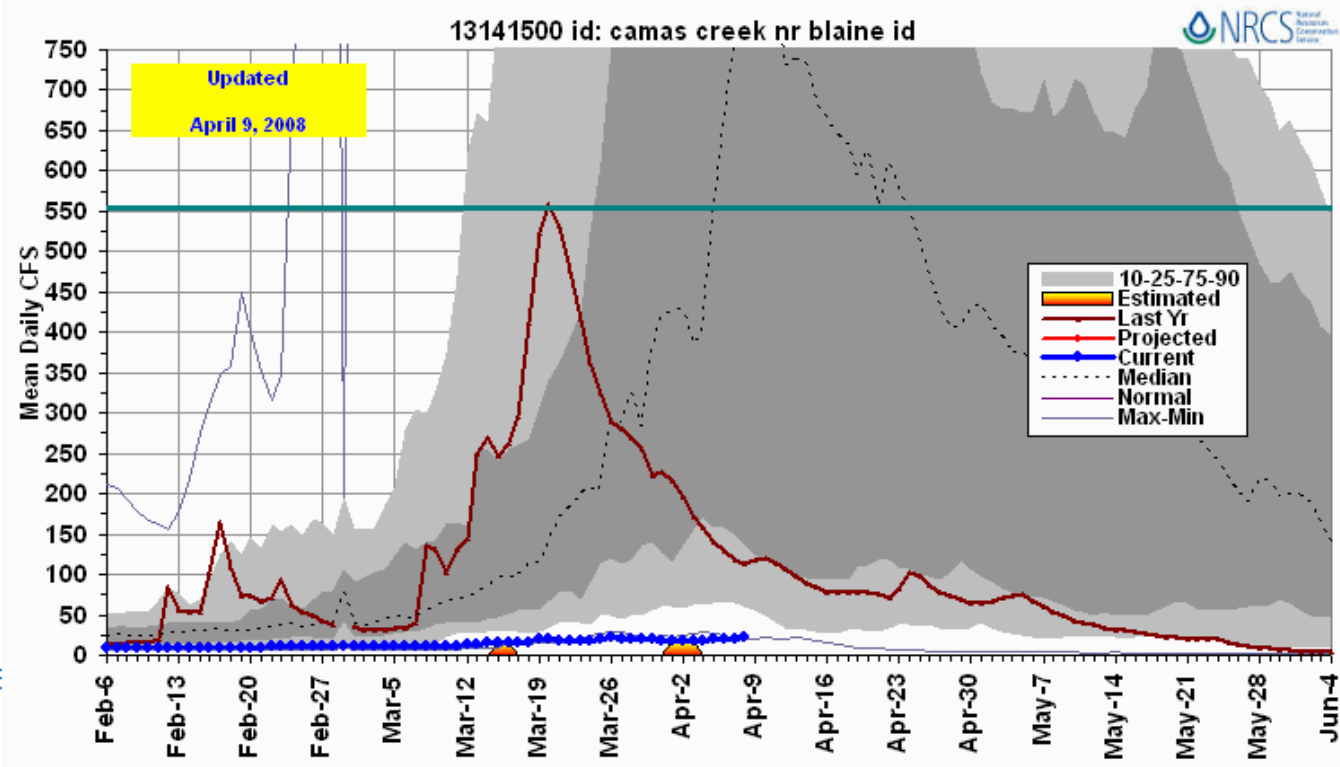


Clearwater Basin 2008 Snowpack Graph (14 Sites)



2008 vs. 2003 Lolo Pass SNOTEL Site and Lochsa River near Lowell, ID





On Average,
Camas Creek
peaks 1 day before
half-melt at
Soldier RS

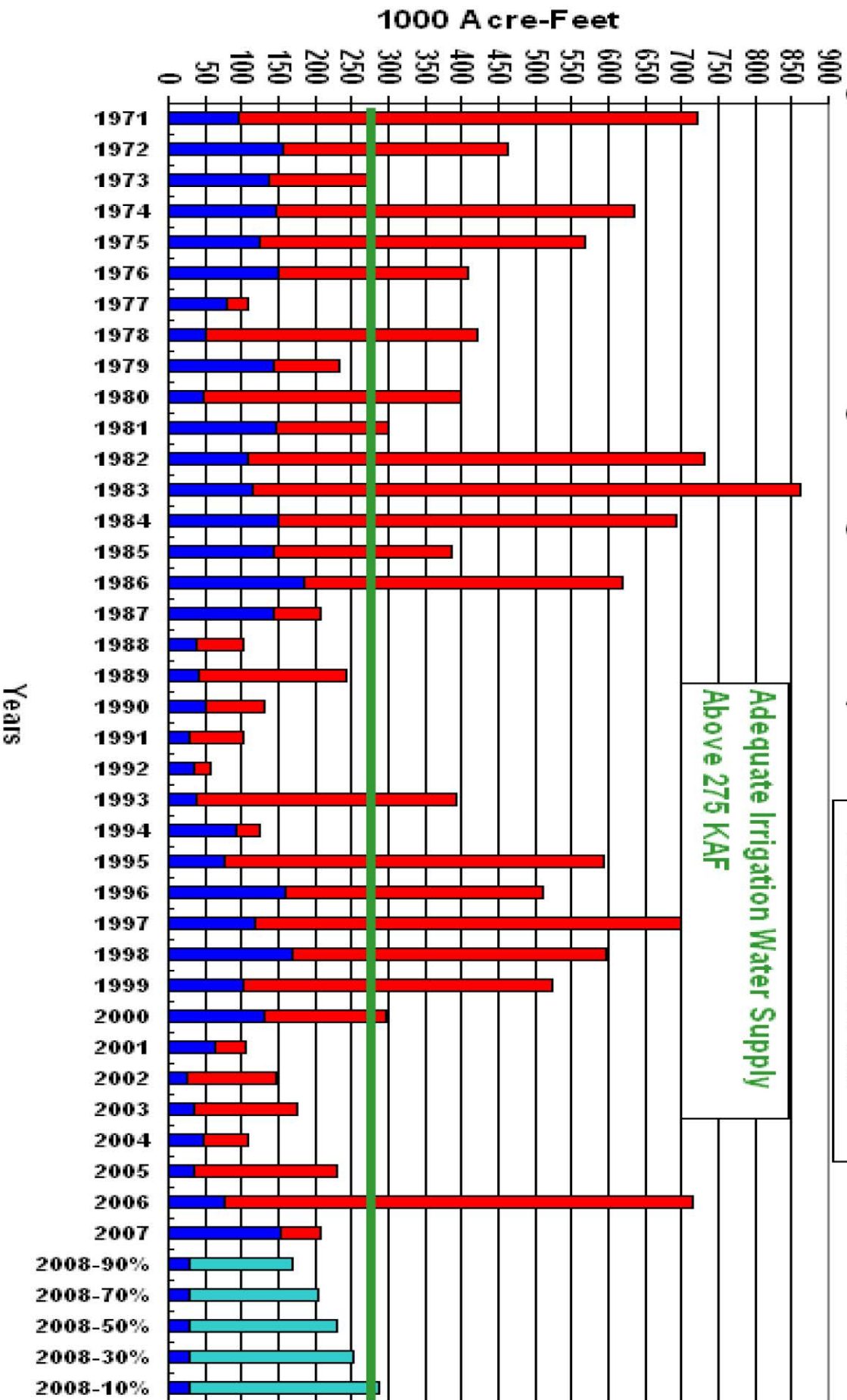
Water supplies will be tight in Big Wood and Little Lost Basins

April 1 Big Wood Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI)

Big Wood River below Magic & Magic Reservoir

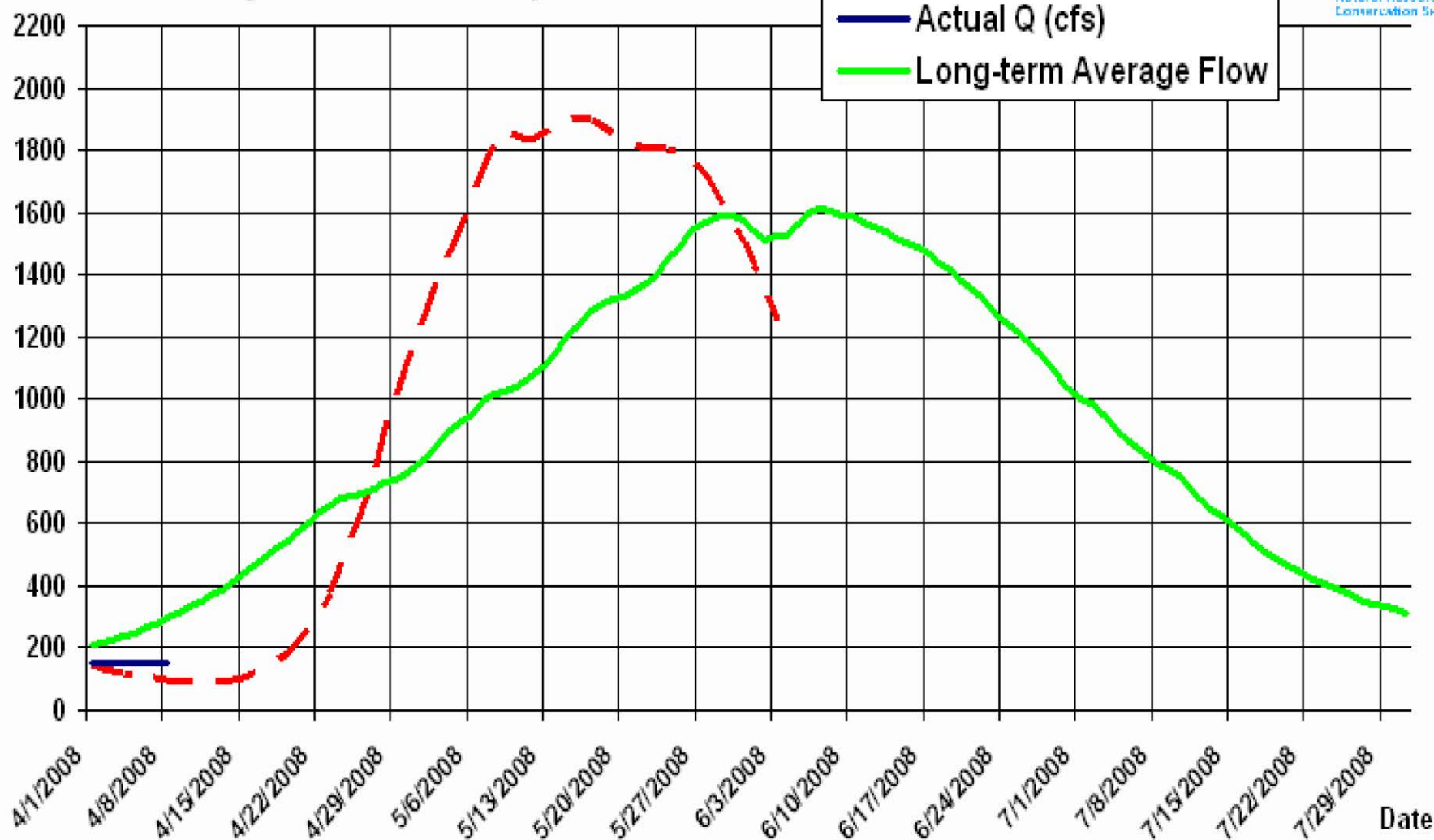
Streamflow Apr-Sep

Reservoir 31-Mar



2008 Big Wood River at Hailey

Mean Daily CFS



Snowmelt Operational Spreadsheet Hydrograph Using SNOTEL (SNOSHUS)

April 9, 2008 Model is initialized on April 1 based on current Mean Daily Flow of 152 cfs. The SNOTEL sites are just now reaching their seasonal peak for the year. With melt rates currently at zero, they are blended into average melt rates seven days from now. No future precipitation is used and is added as it fall.

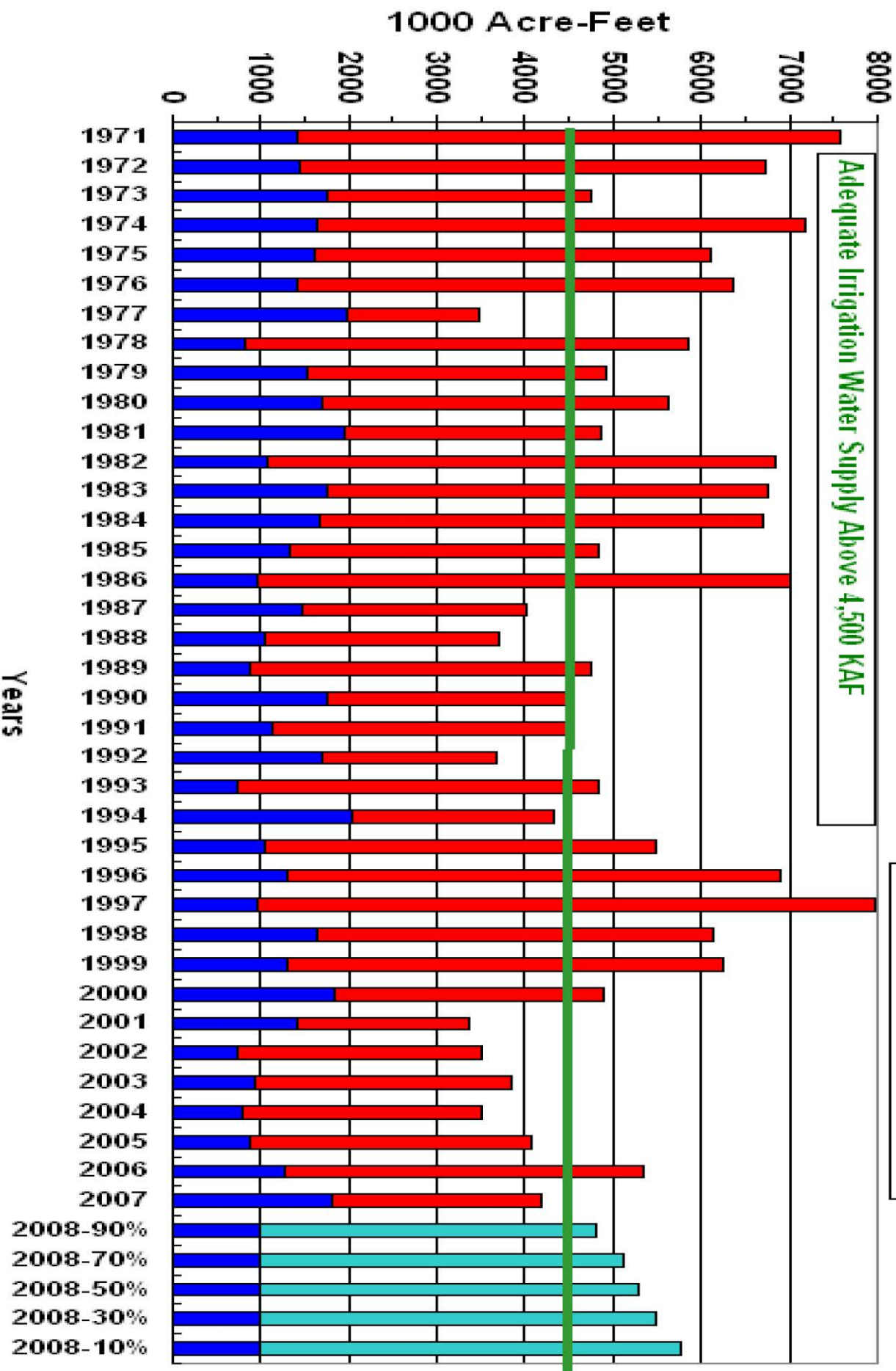
April 1 Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI)

■ Streamflow Apr-Sep
■ Reservoir 31-Mar



Snake River near Heise & Jackson and Palisades Reservoirs

Adequate Irrigation Water Supply Above 4,500 KAF



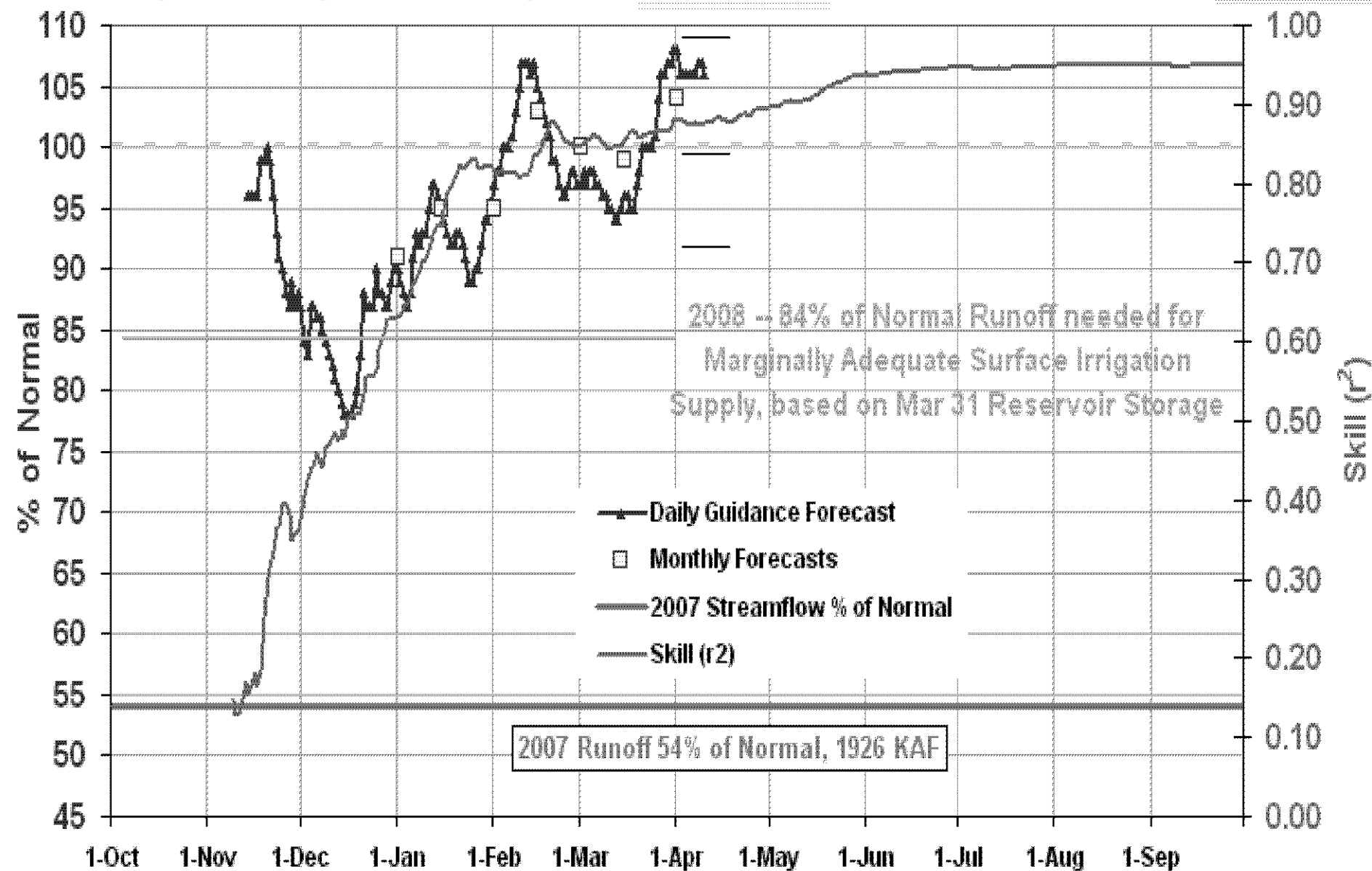
2008 Snake River near Heise: Apr - Jul Volume

Updated



NRCS Monthly / mid-Monthly Forecasts are Squares

April 10, 2008



SNOTEL Sites used: Base Camp, Blind Bull, Cottonwood Ck, Lewis Lake, Snake River Sta, Slug Creek, Thumb Divide and Willow Ck

Upper Snake Basin 17 Station Snow Index and Snake River above Heise April-September Streamflow Percent of Average for Years 1961 - 2007

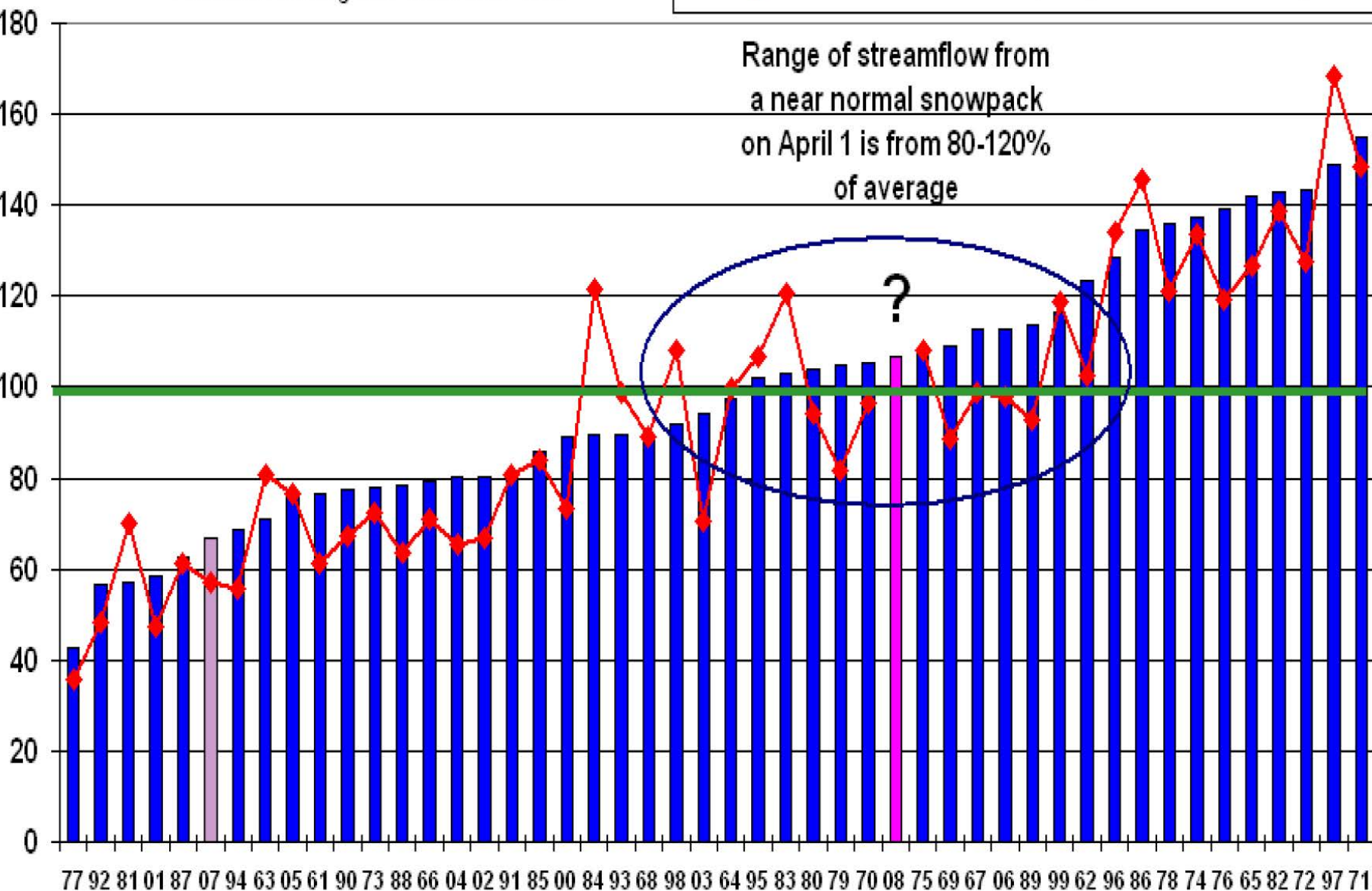
■ April 1 Snow Water as % of Average

◆ Snake River near Heise Apr-Sep Flow as % of Average

Range of streamflow from
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Percent of Average



Years

Upper Snake Basin 17 Station Snow Index and
Snake River above Heise April-September Streamflow
Percent of Average for Years 1961 - 2007

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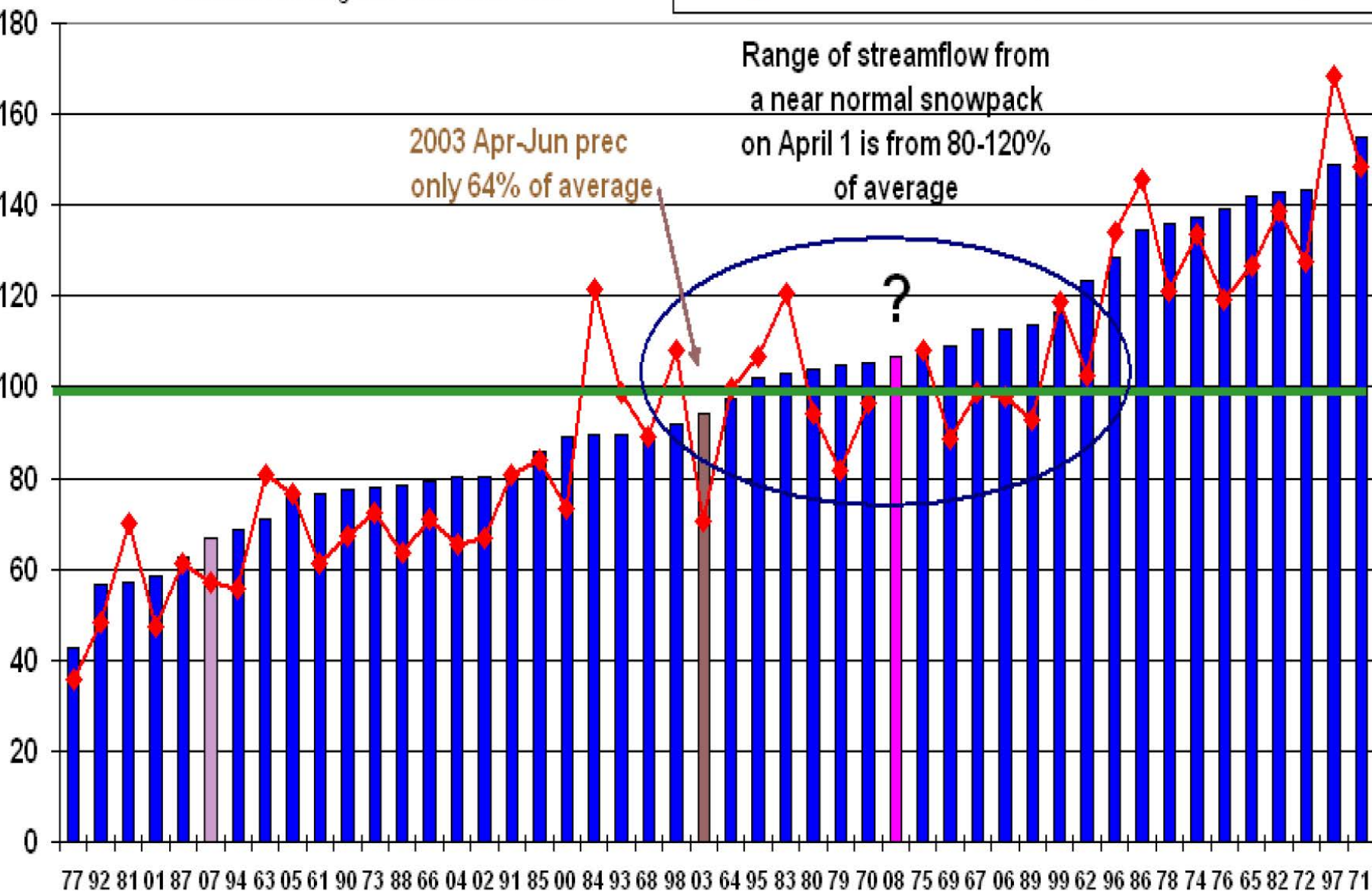
◆ Snake River near Heise Apr-Sep Flow as % of Average

2003 Apr-Jun prec
only 64% of average

Range of streamflow from
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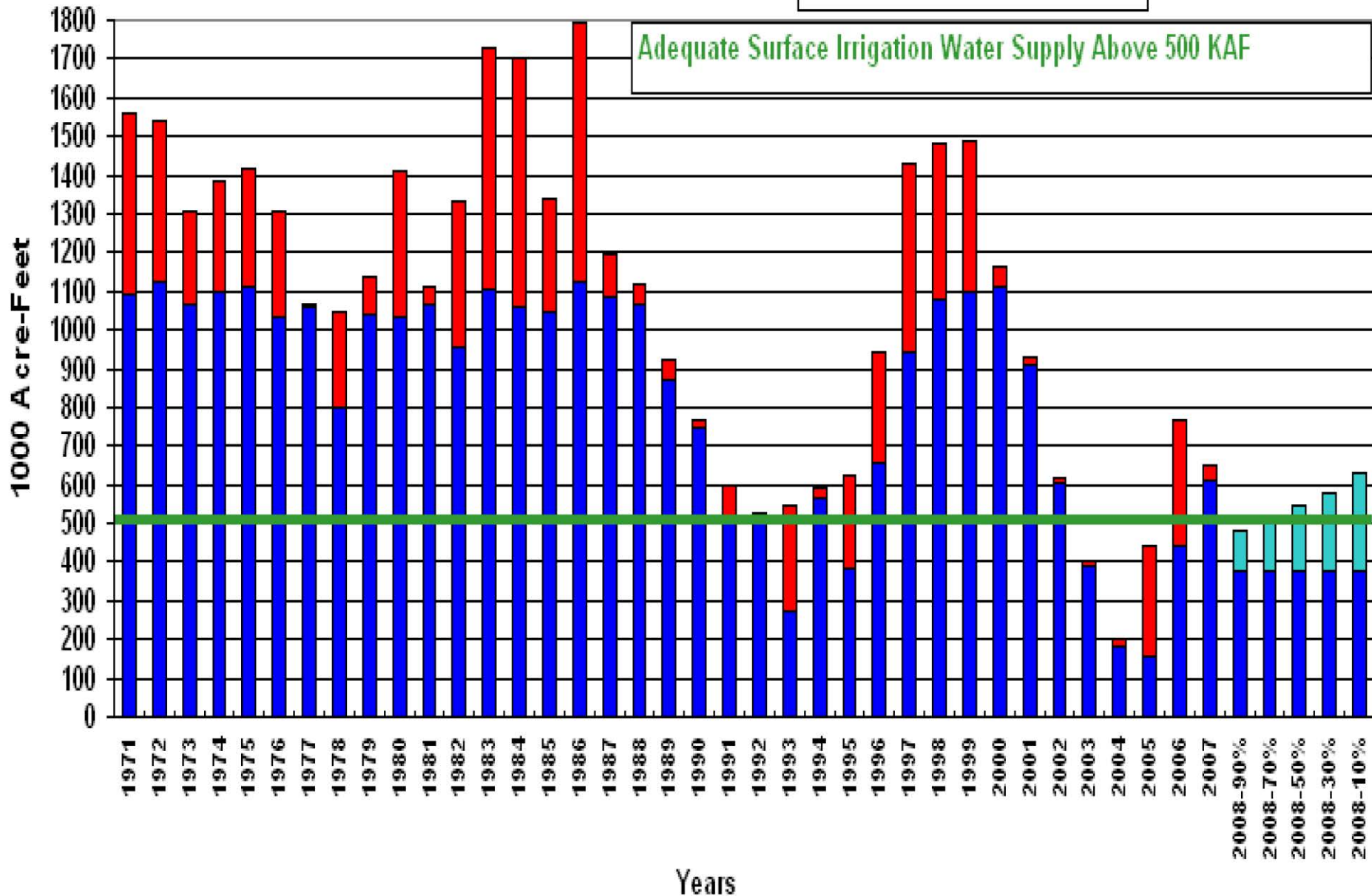
April 1 Bear River Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI)

Bear River at Stewart Dam & Bear Lake

Streamflow Apr-Sep

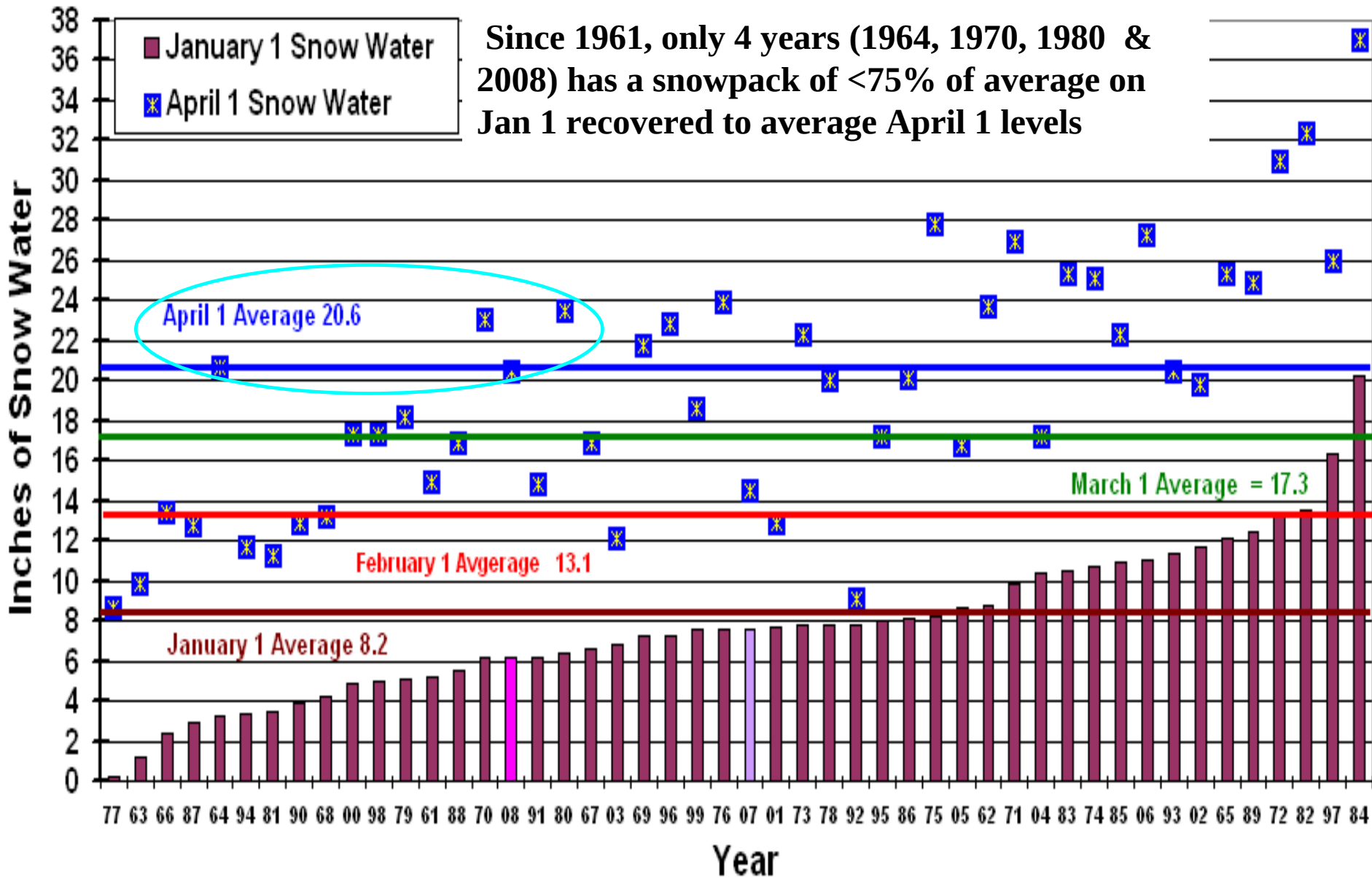
Reservoir 31-Mar

Adequate Surface Irrigation Water Supply Above 500 KAF



Salmon Falls Basin 4 Station Snow Index for Years 1961 - 2008 Bostetter RS, Magic Mountain, Bear Creek and Pole Creek RS SNOTEL Sites

Since 1961, only 4 years (1964, 1970, 1980 & 2008) has a snowpack of <75% of average on Jan 1 recovered to average April 1 levels

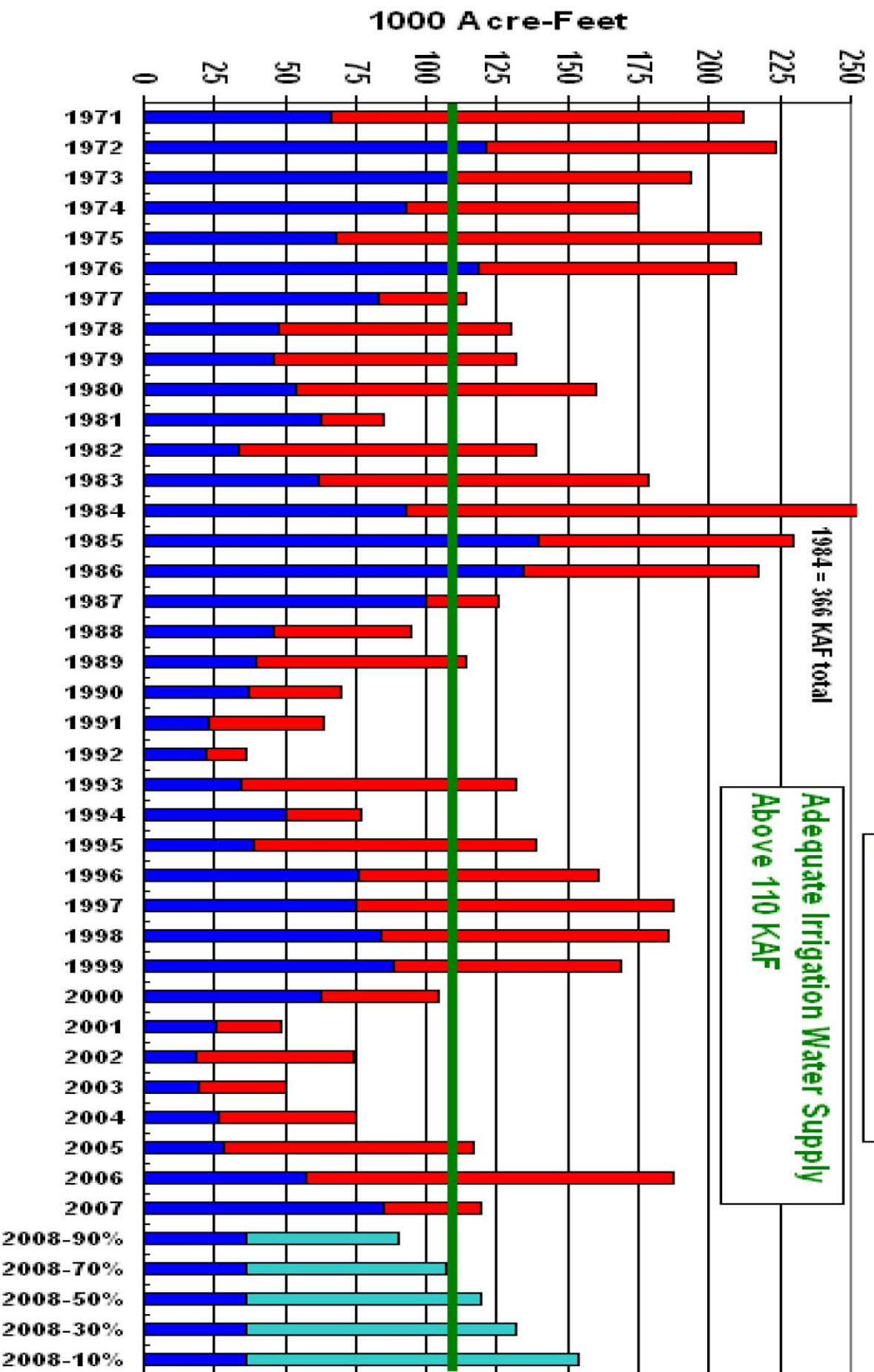


April 1 Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) Salmon Falls Creek near San Jacinto & Salmon Falls Reservoir

1984 = 366 KAF total

Streamflow Apr-Sep
Reservoir 31-Mar

Adequate Irrigation Water Supply
Above 110 KAF



Note: Allotment formula is based on March 31 reservoir storage and April 1 - September 30 forecasts.

March 31 reservoir storage in Acre-feet =	36000	Chance of Exceedance Streamflow Forecasts				
		90%	70%	50%	30%	10%
Inflow Forecast, April 1-September 30, acre-feet		54000	71000	83000	96000	118000
Storage in Dam, March 31, acre-feet	36000	36000	36000	36000	36000	36000
Total Storage (Inflow Forecast + Storage)		90000	107000	119000	132000	154000
Less Dead Storage in Reservoir (5000 A-F)	5000	85000	102000	114000	127000	149000
Projected Reservoir Loss of 20%	0.20	17000	20400	22800	25400	29800
In Dam, Available for Delivery		68000	81600	91200	101600	119200
Projected Delivery Efficiency: 2007 59.4% 2006 65.3% 2005 59.4%	0.55	37400	44880	50160	55880	65560
Less Water for Callen	485	485	485	485	485	485
Less Individual Storage Carryover	5607	5607	5607	5607	5607	5607
Water to be Delivered Over the Weir		31308	38788	44068	49788	59468
Divided by Total Shares	60050.65	0.521	0.646	0.734	0.829	0.990
Allotment if 'Individual Storage Carryover' is not subtracted from 'In Dam, Available for Delivery'		0.615	0.739	0.827	0.922	1.084
Average Allotment						
1924-2006	0.761					
1971-2000	0.934					
2002-2006	0.616					
Full Allotment	1.167					

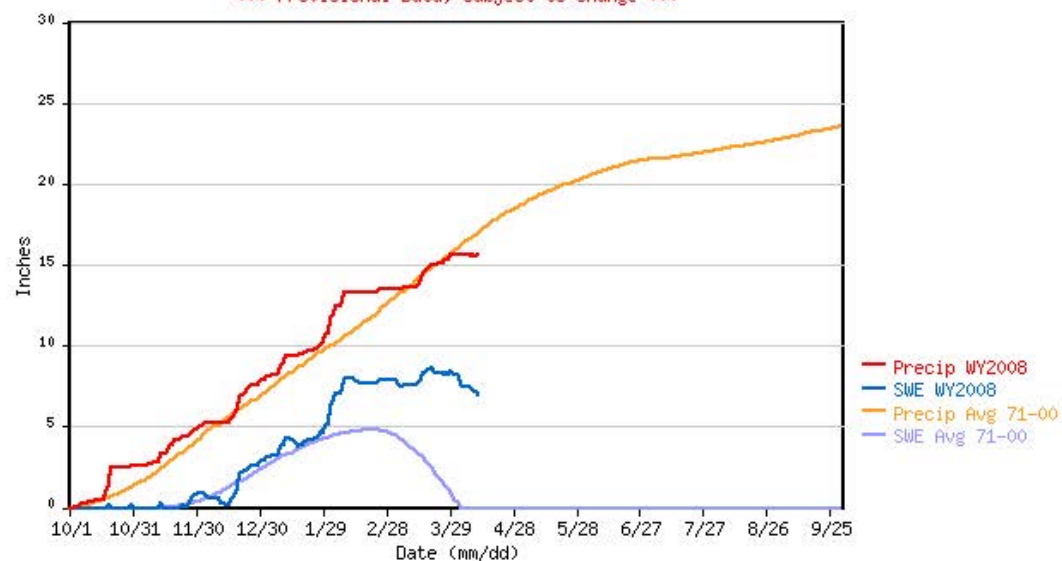


**Images from UT fire, 9500 feet:
multiple ice layers in fire area,
outside of fire area not affected
35% density, carbon in pack;**

**Impacts: fire will impact runoff
this year and possibly for several
year in future, accelerated melt,
shift in hydrograph, possible
higher flows**

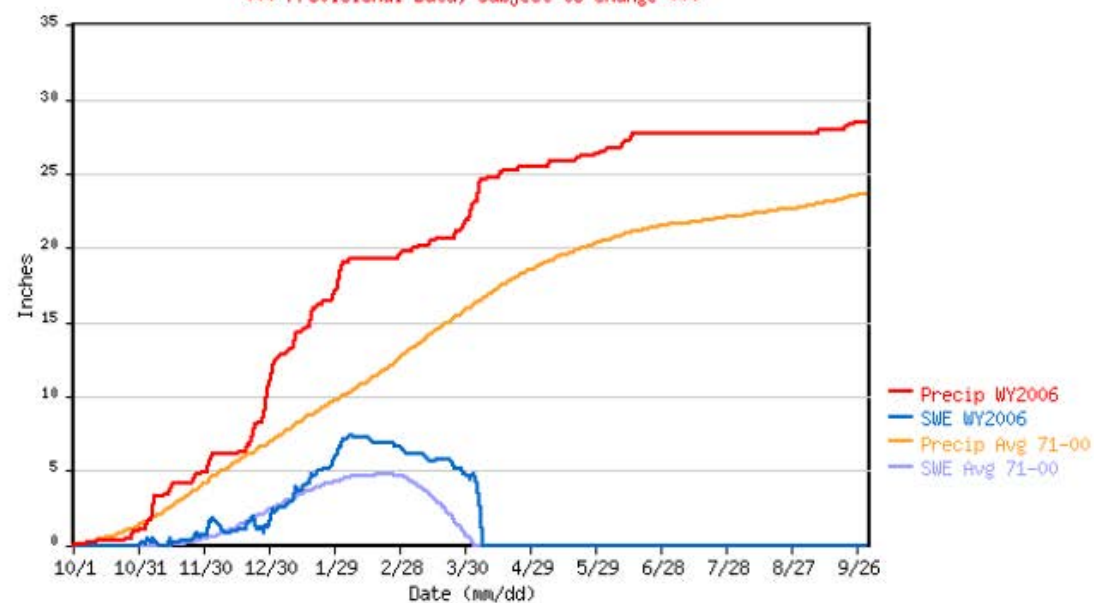
PRAIRIE SNOTEL for Water Year 2008

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PRAIRIE SNOTEL for Water Year 2006

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Weather and Climate Outlook

Idaho Water Supply Committee Meeting 4/11/2008

Jay Breidenbach, NOAA National Weather Service

Snow Accumulation and Melt

Three Month Climate Outlook

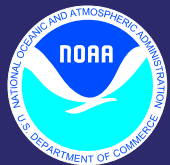
Forecast for next 10 days

Spring Flood Potential



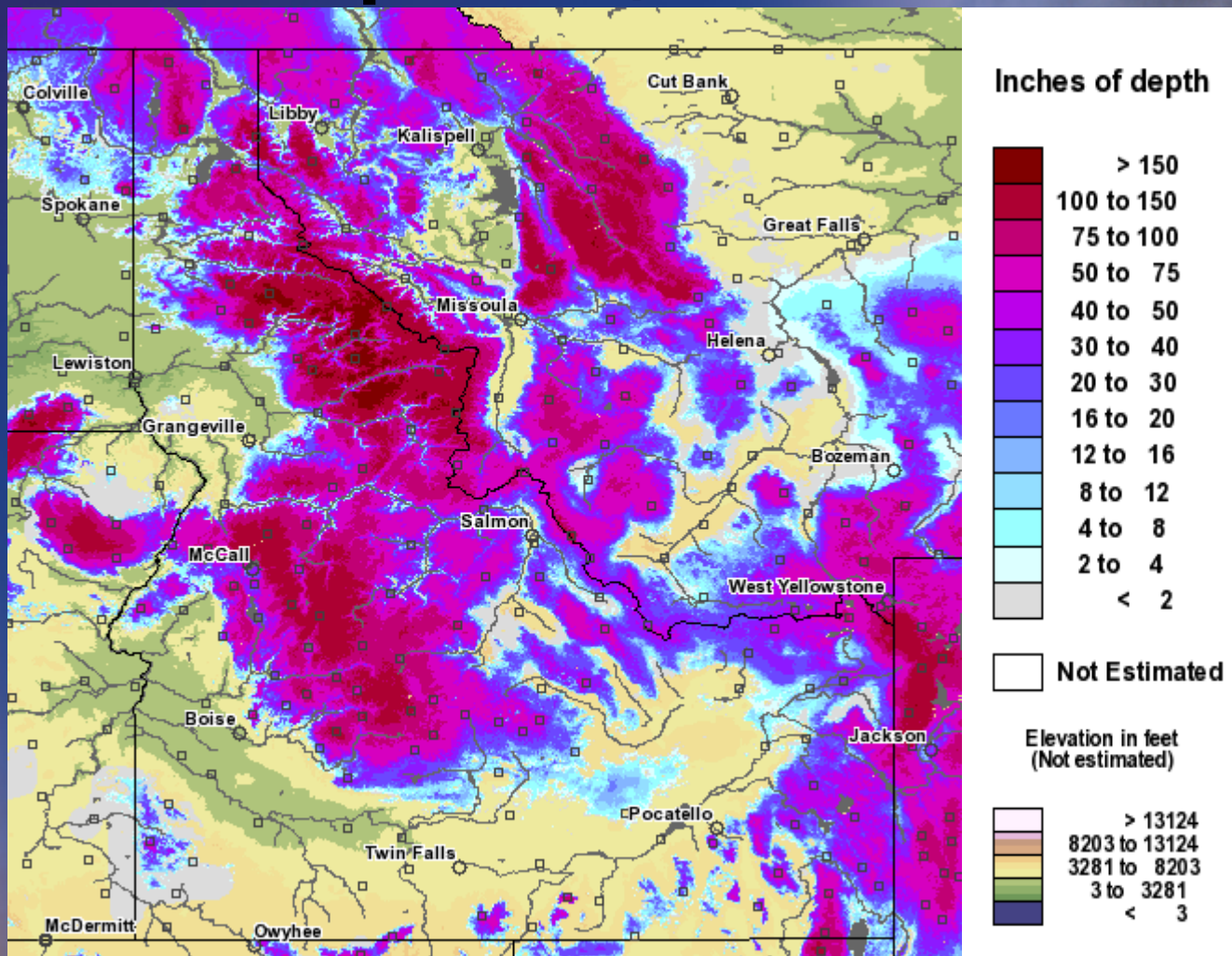
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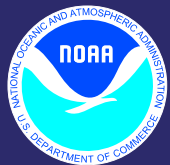
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Snow Depth

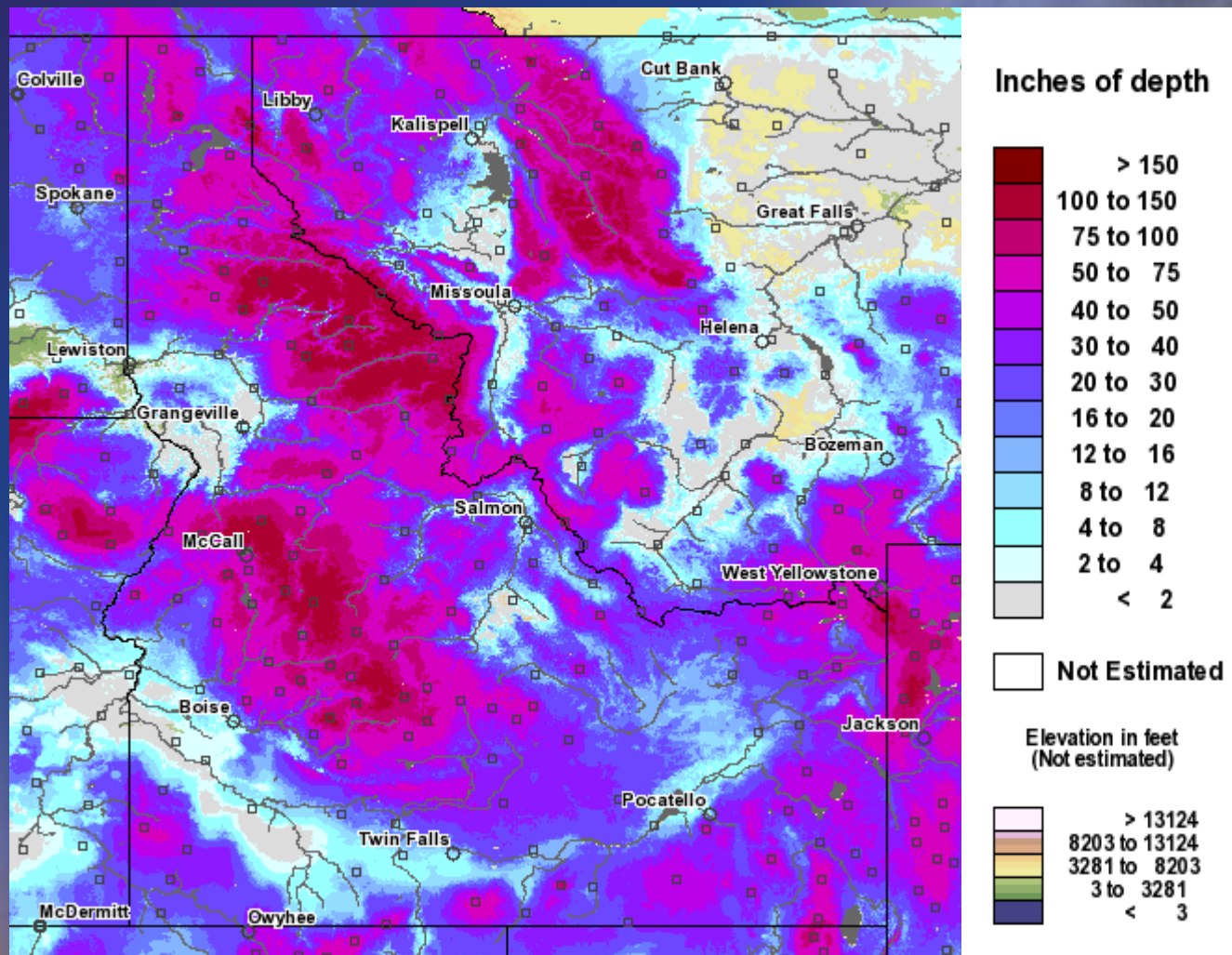
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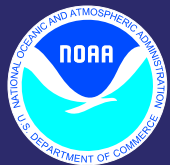




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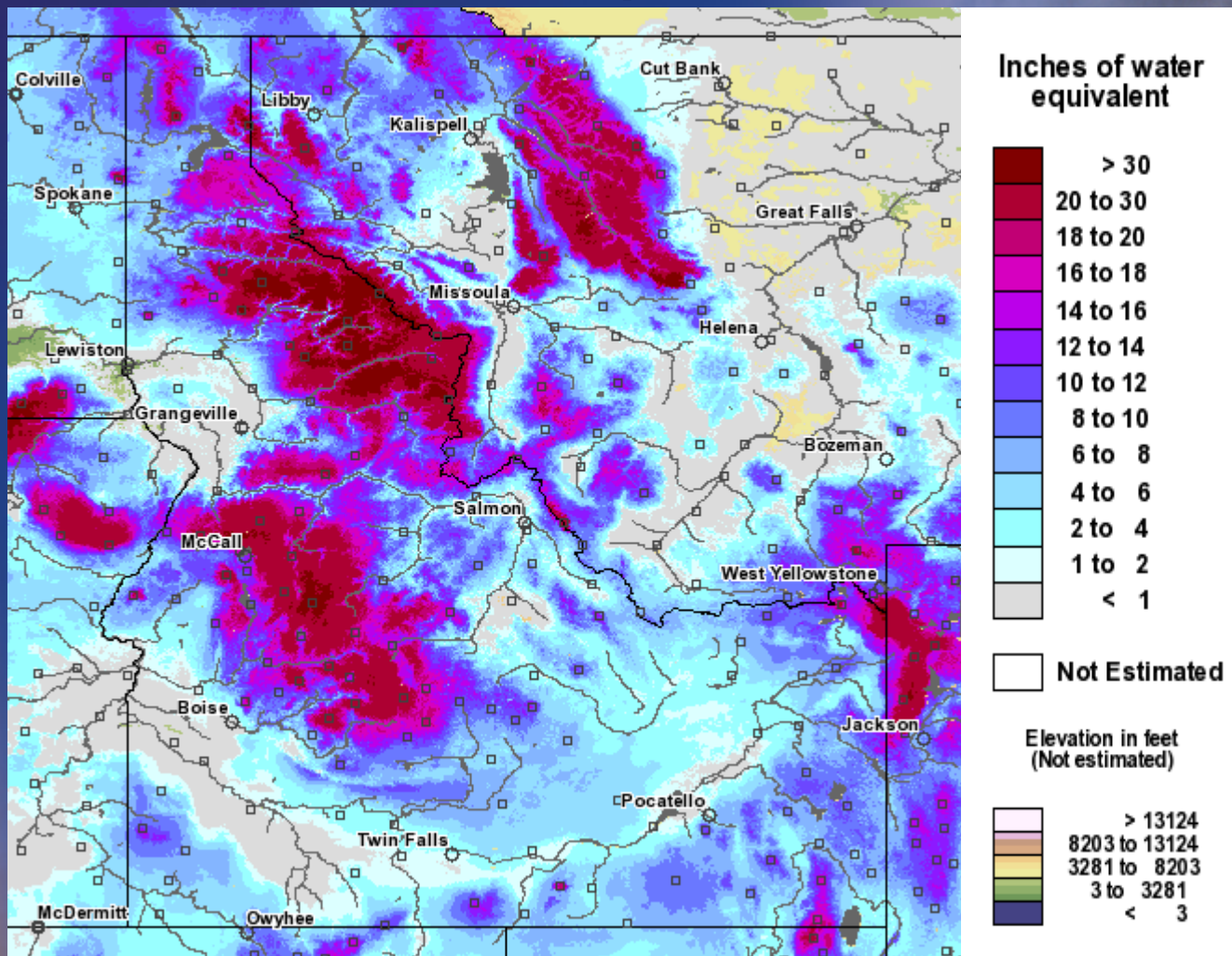
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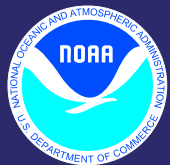




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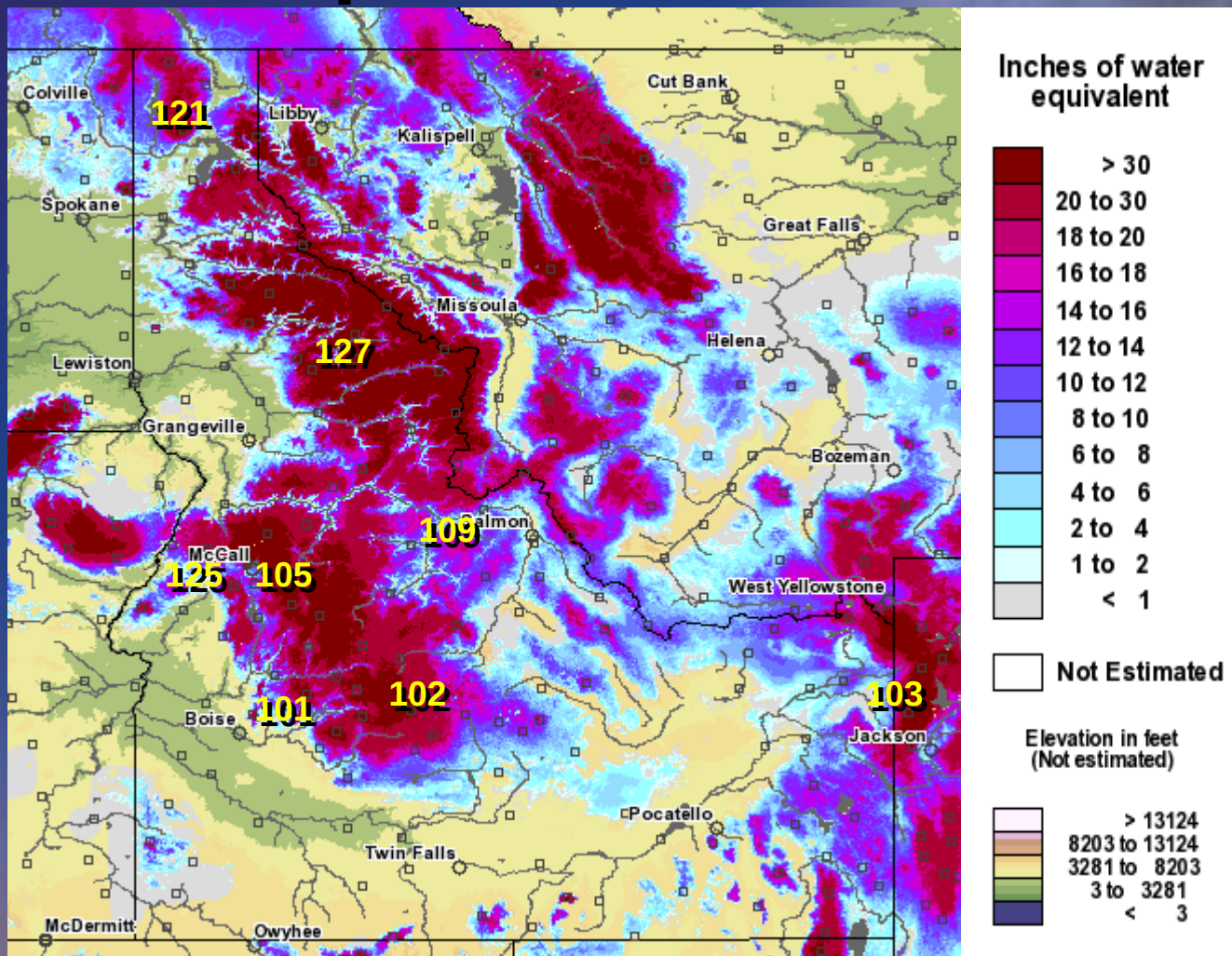
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Snow Water Equivalent

April 11th, 2008



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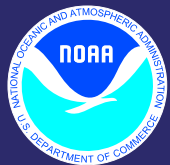
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Evidence of Heavy Snow in Cambridge Idaho





Where did it go?

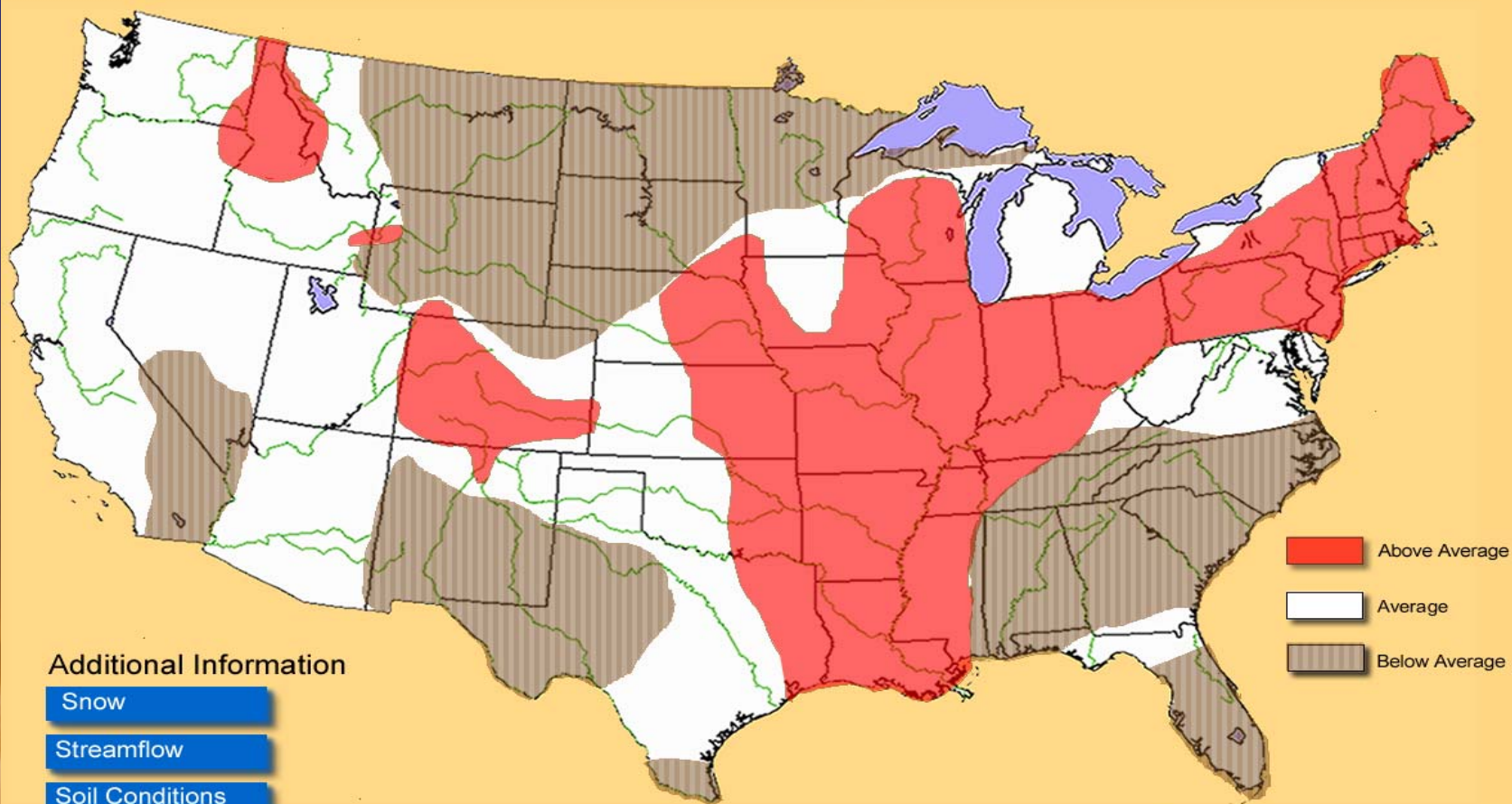




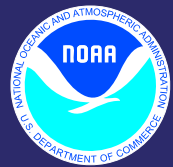
National Spring Flood Potential

Flood Risk

(as of March 14, 2008)



About this Figure



Idaho Flood Potential

Area of Concern

Small Streams in Valley County

Streams in Clear Water River Basin

Streams in Idaho Panhandle Region

- Including St Joe, St Maries, Coeur D Alene

Dates of Greatest Concern

Late April through Early May

Late April through Late May

Late April through Late May



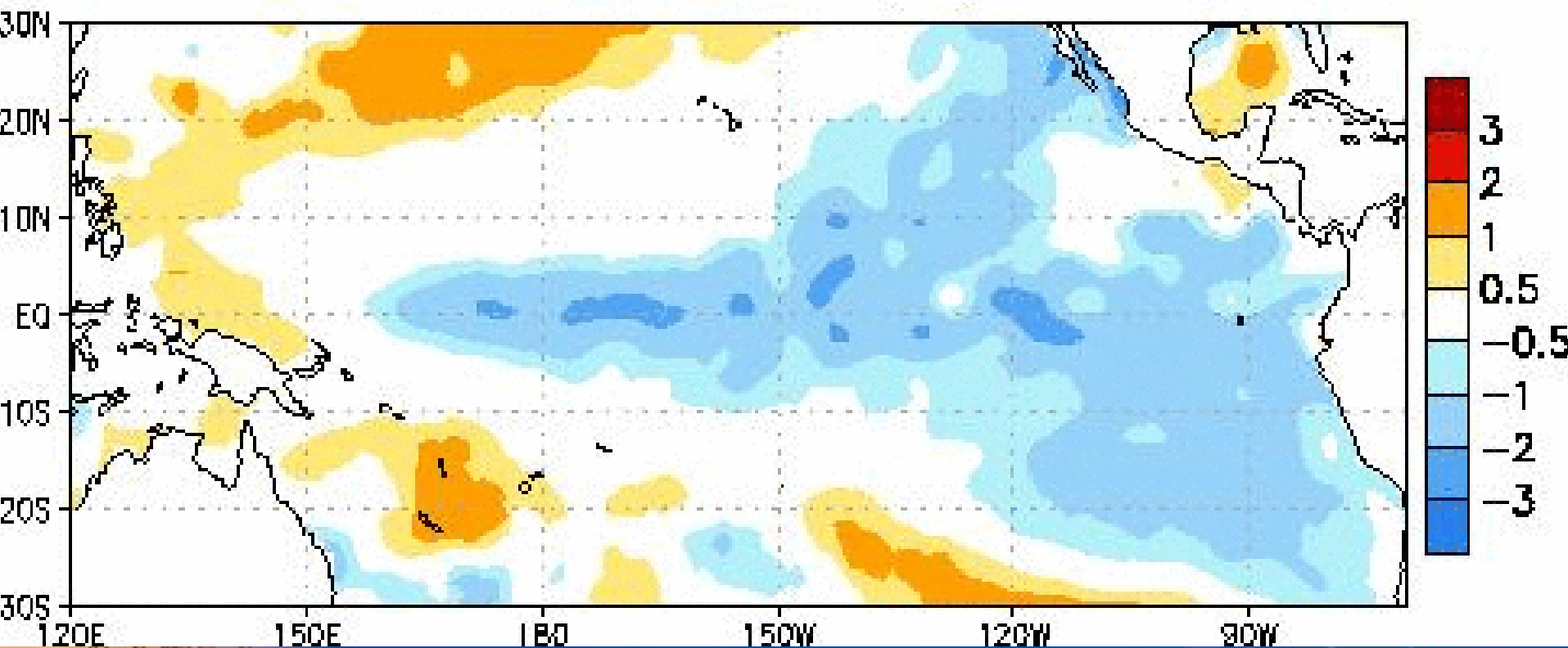


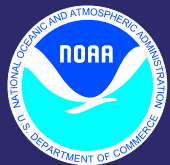
Evolution of Current La-Nina

Jan – Mar 2008

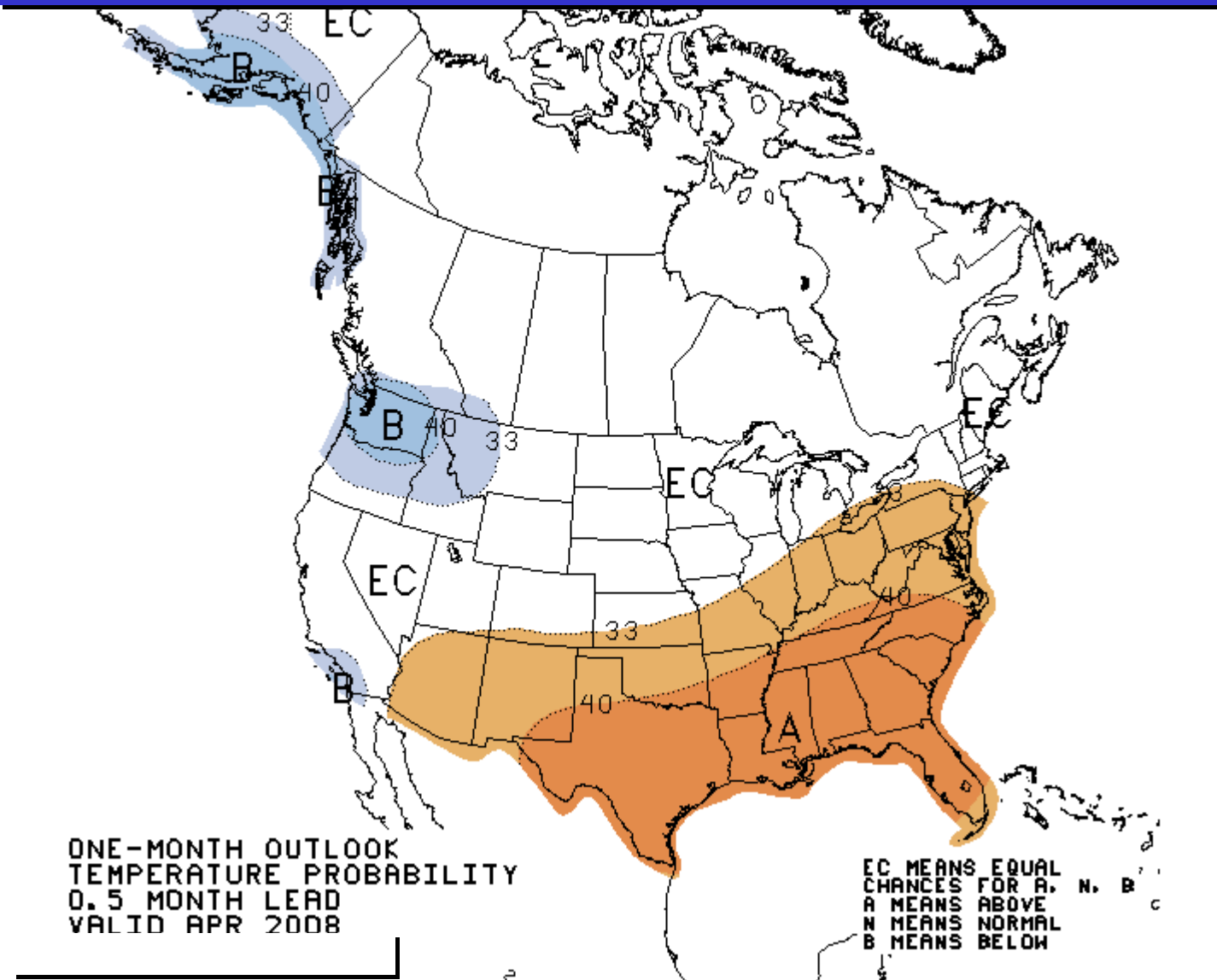
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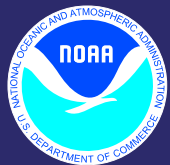
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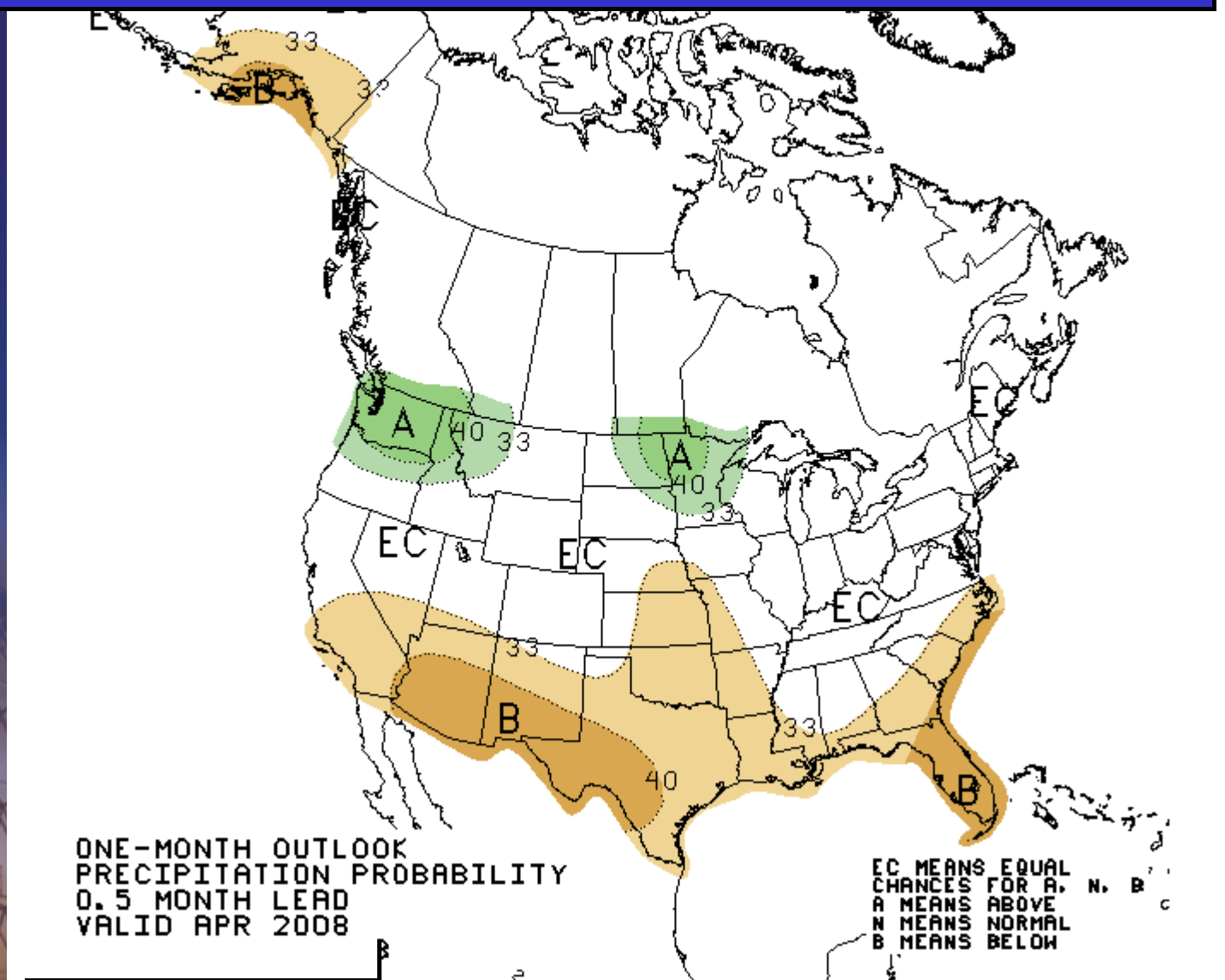


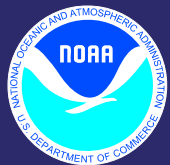
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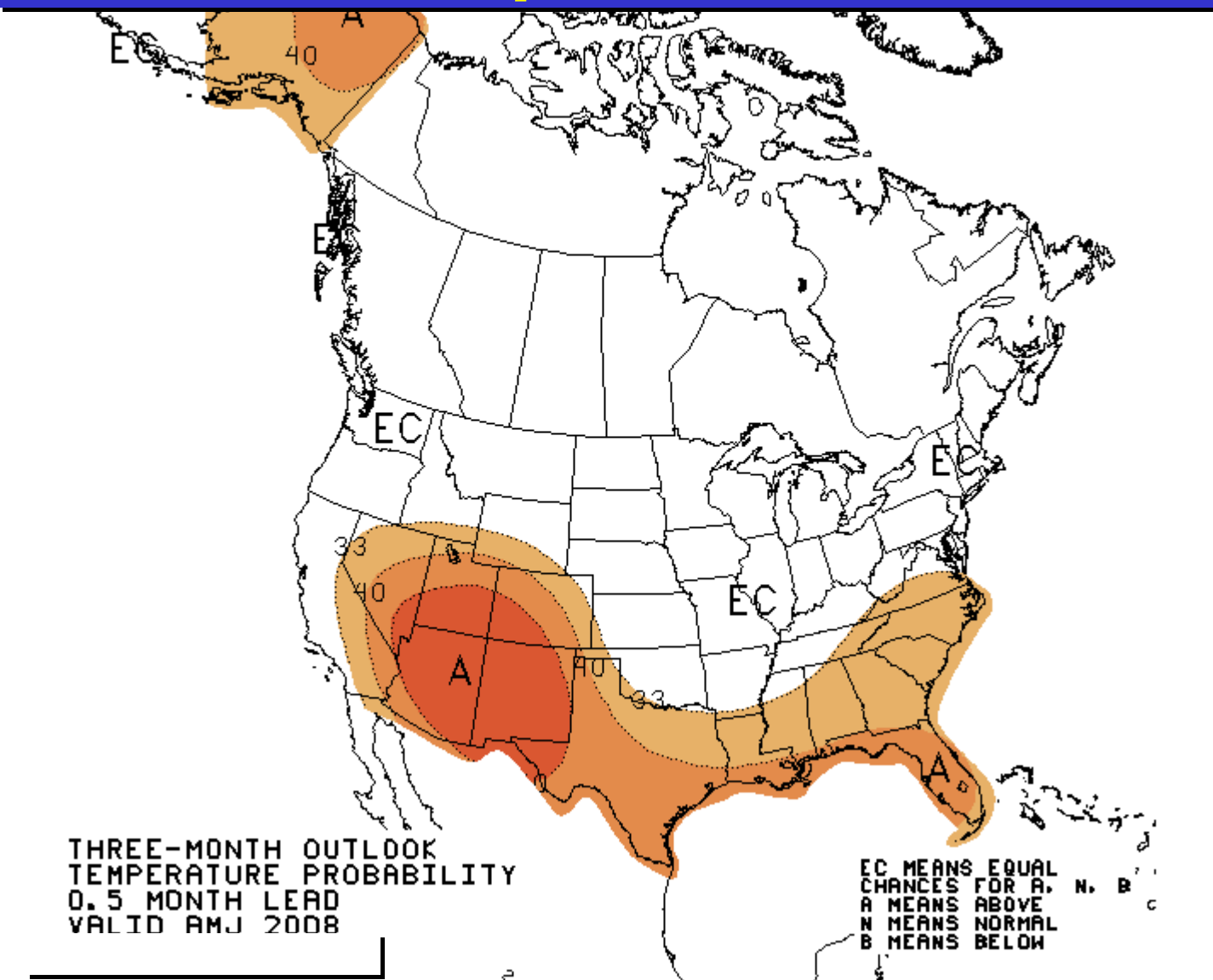


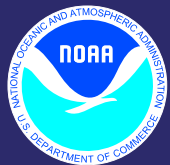
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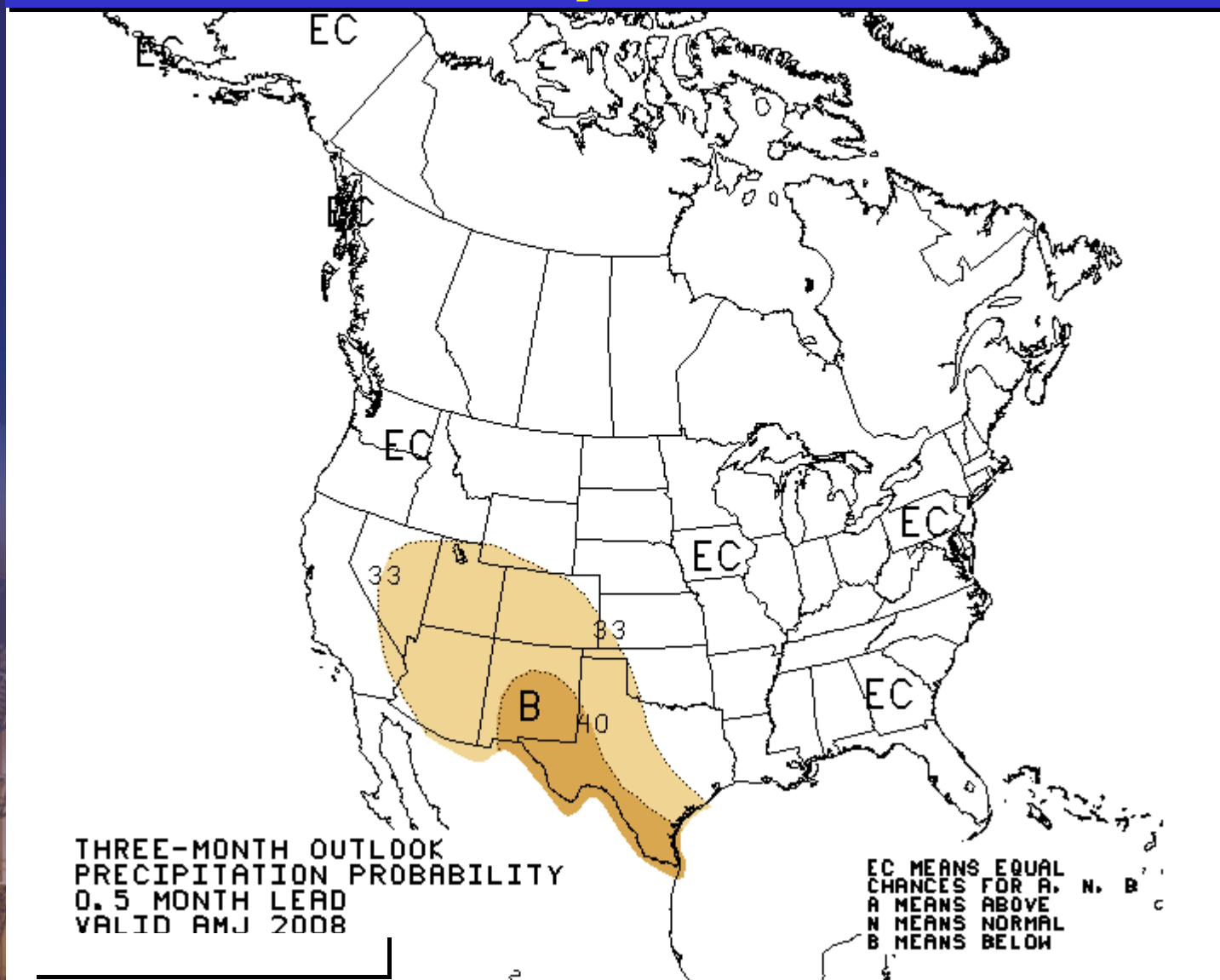


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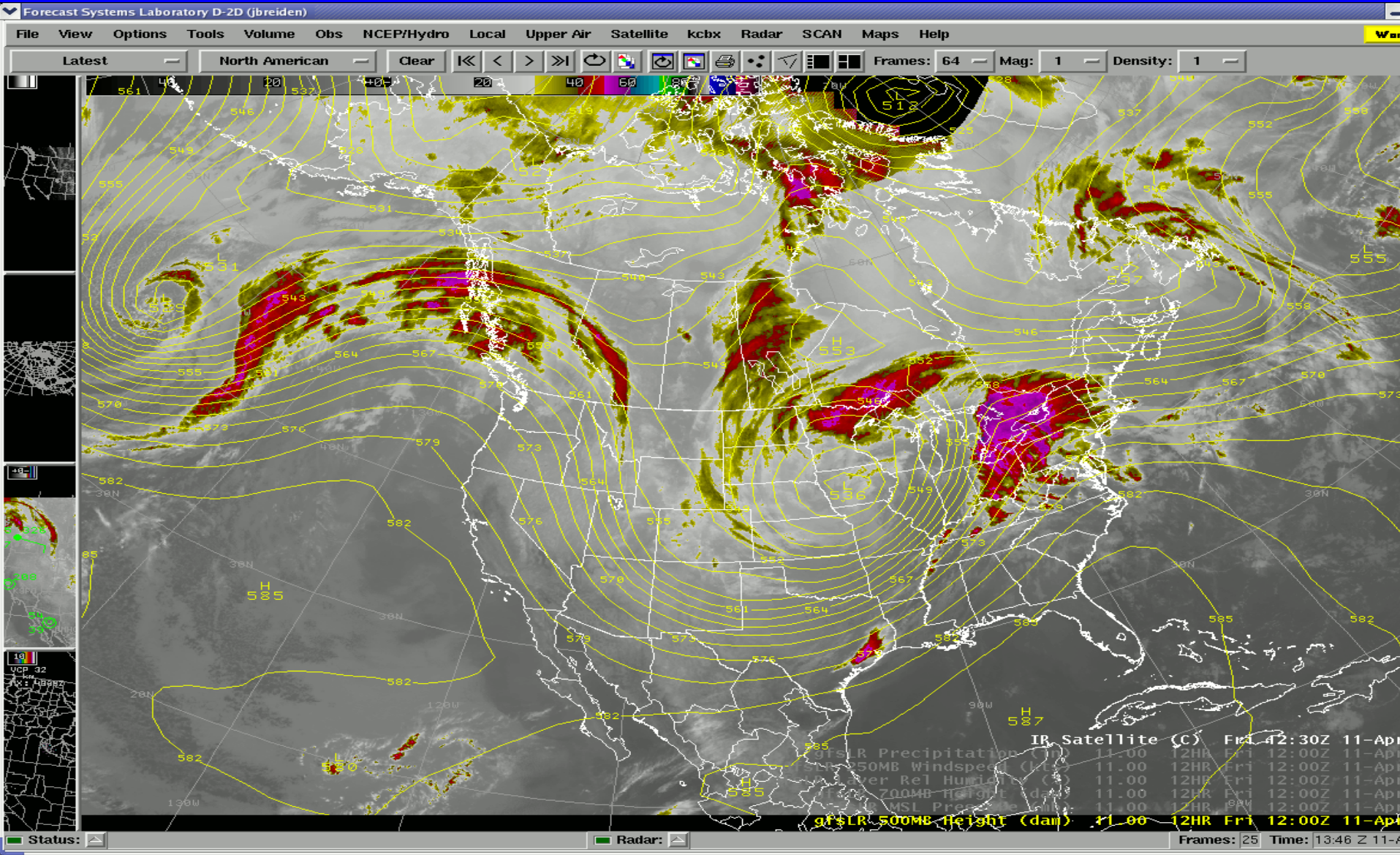




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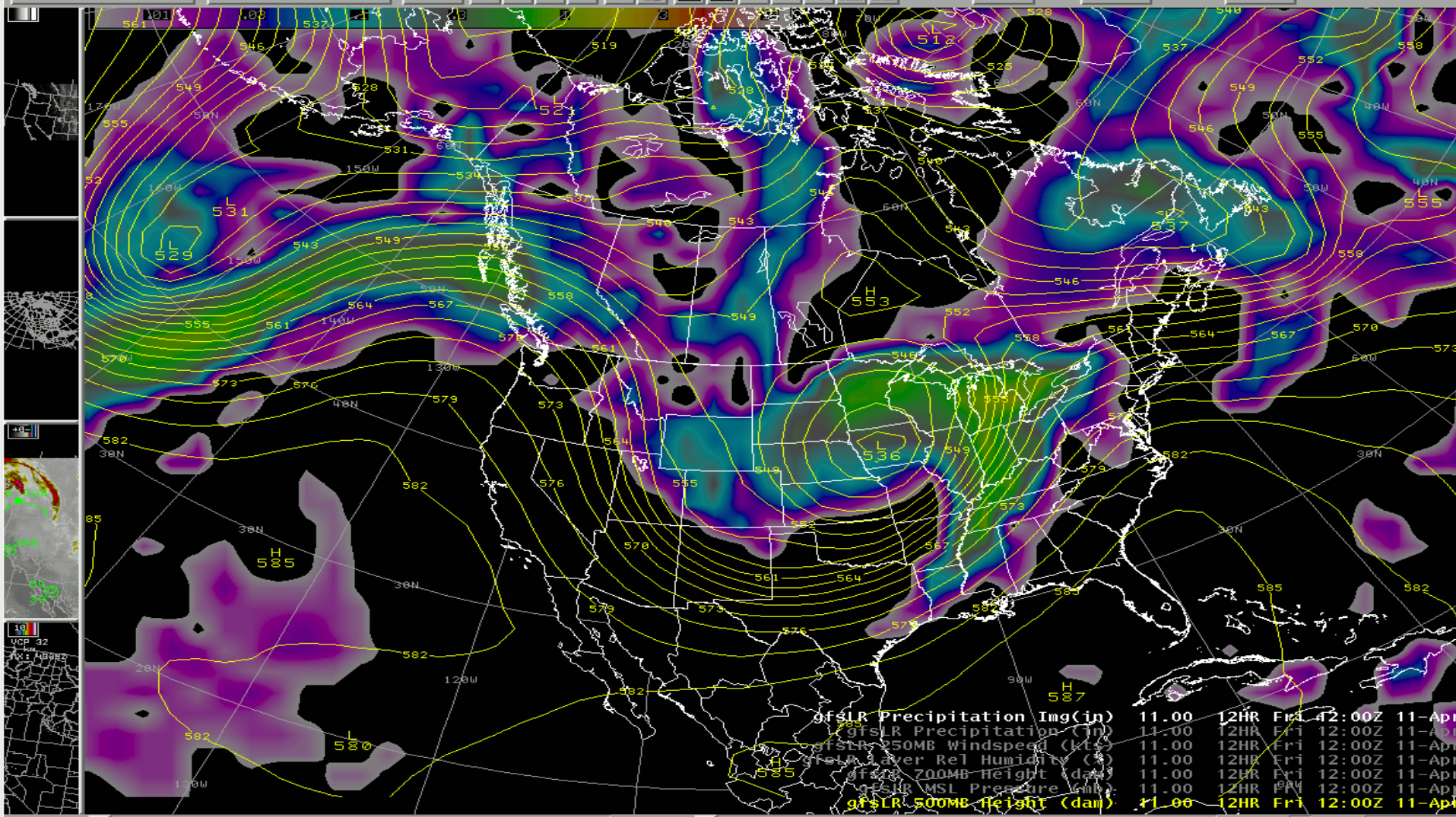


Friday, Apr 11th

Forecast Systems Laboratory D-2D (jbreiden)

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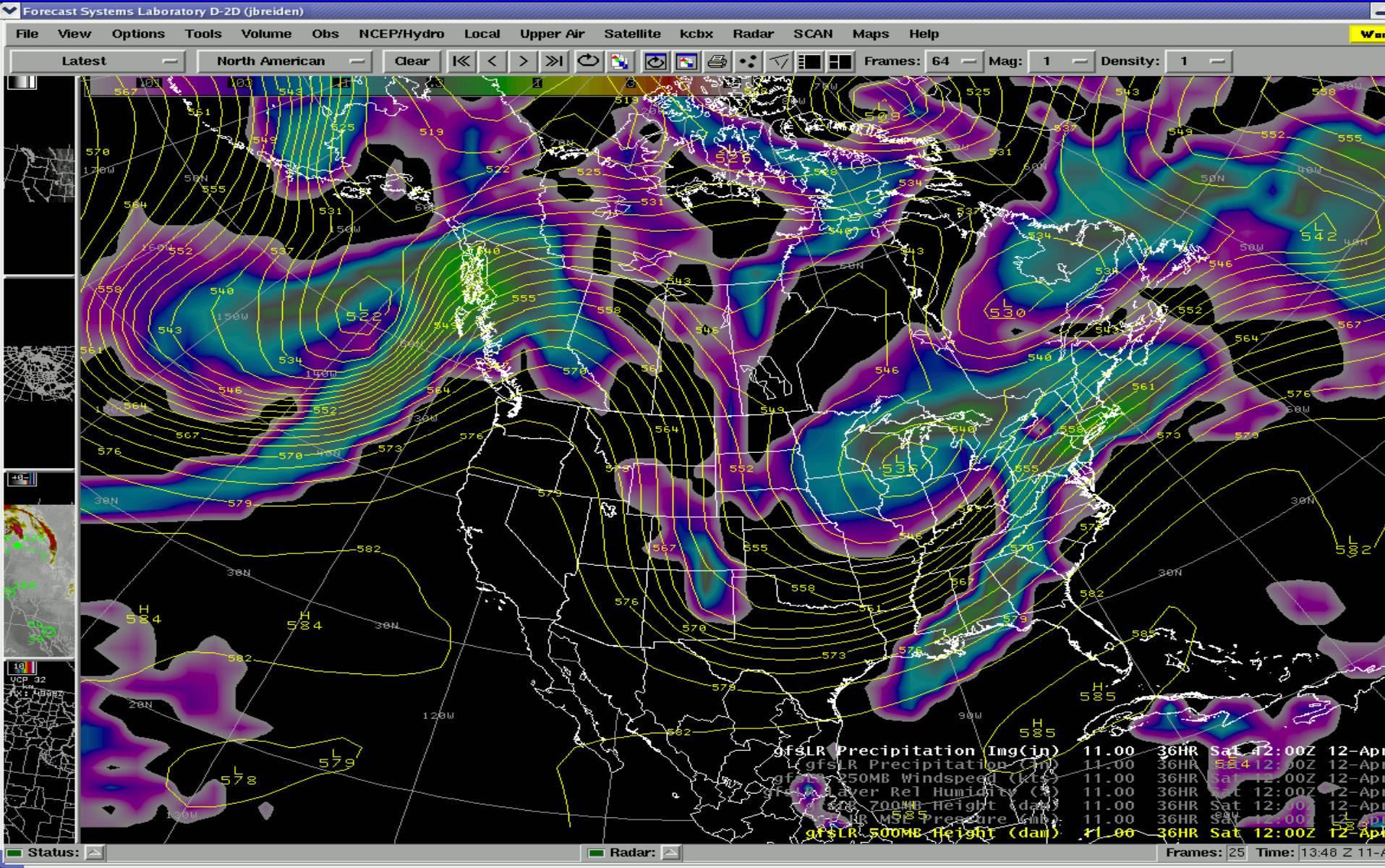


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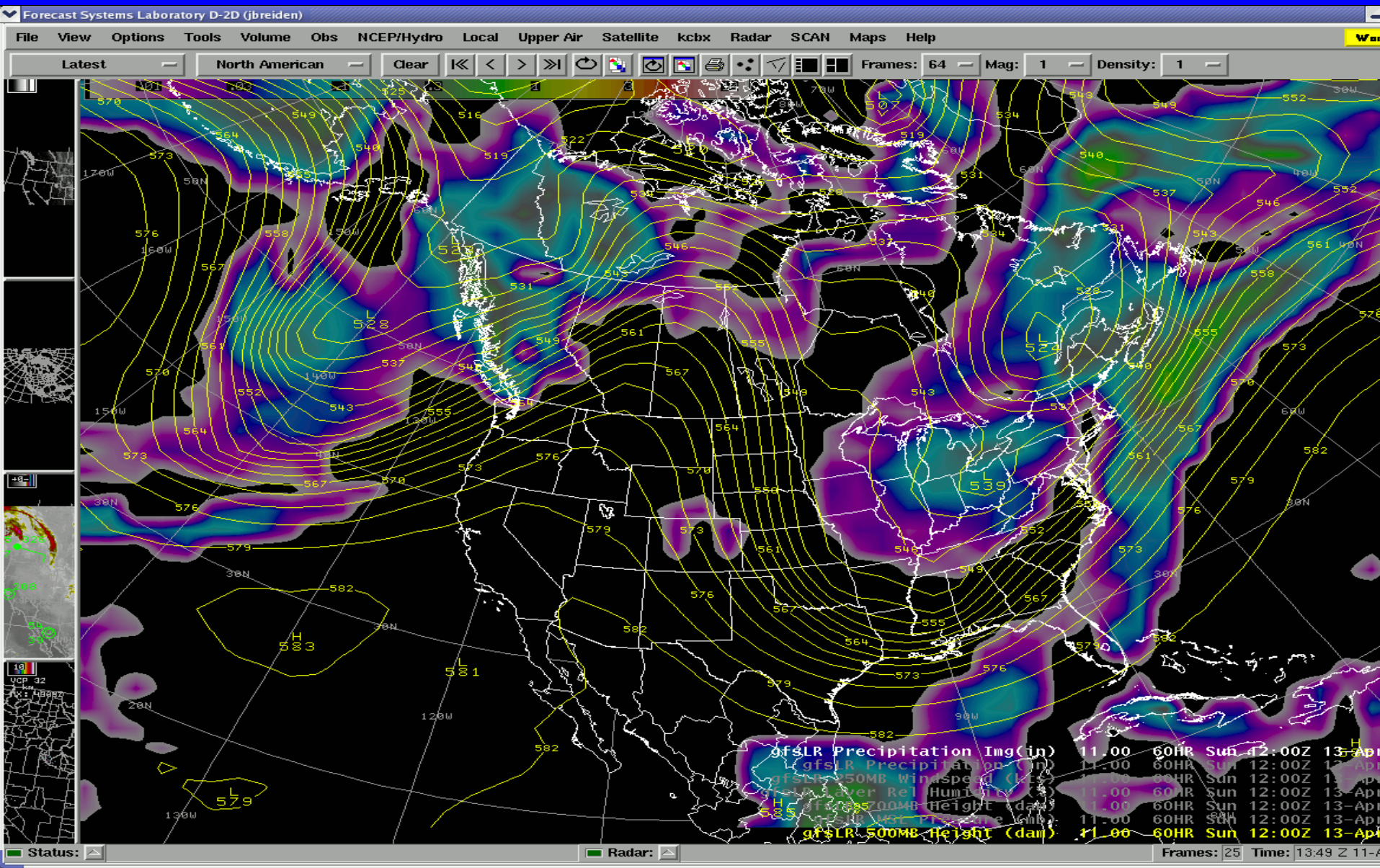
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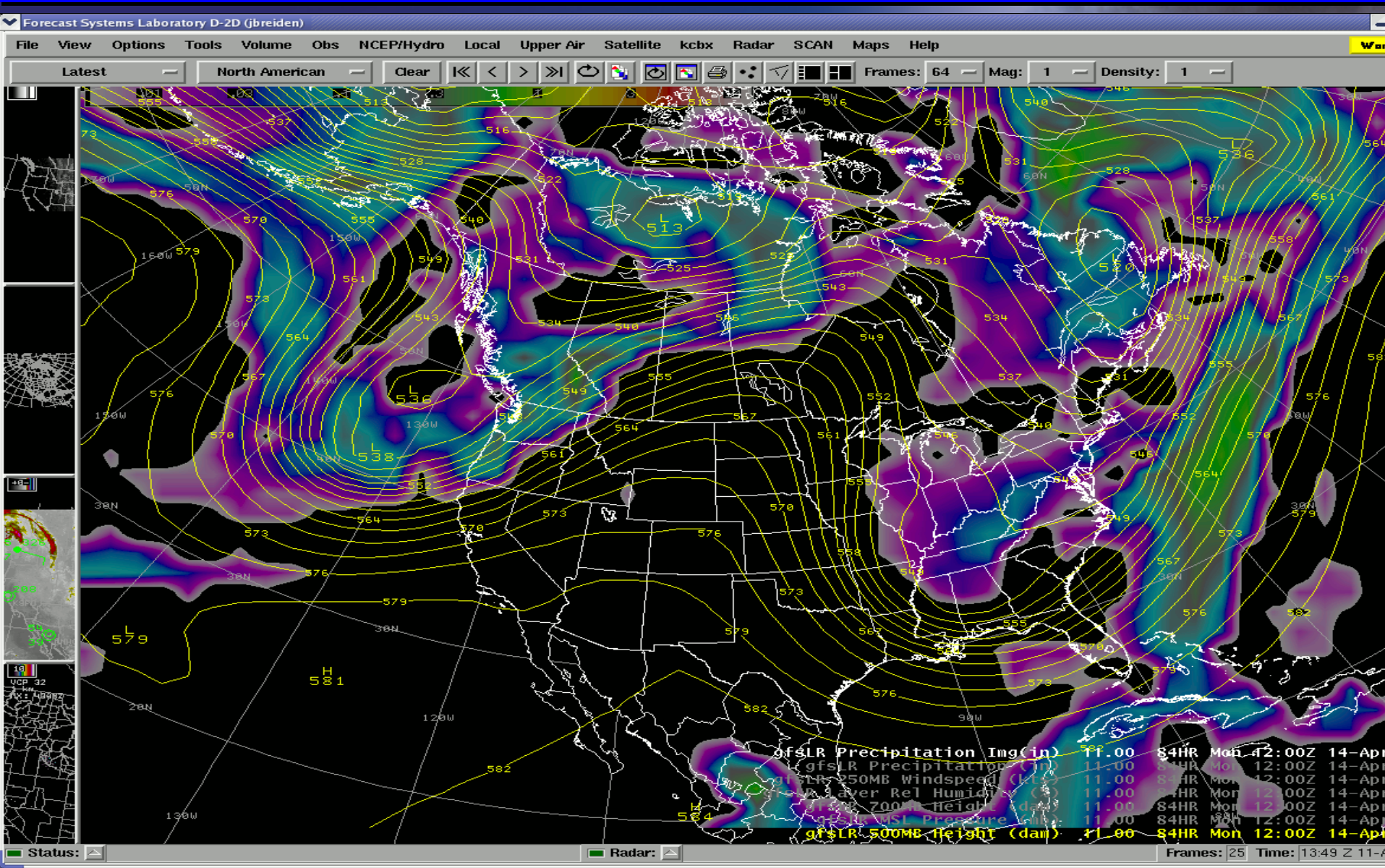
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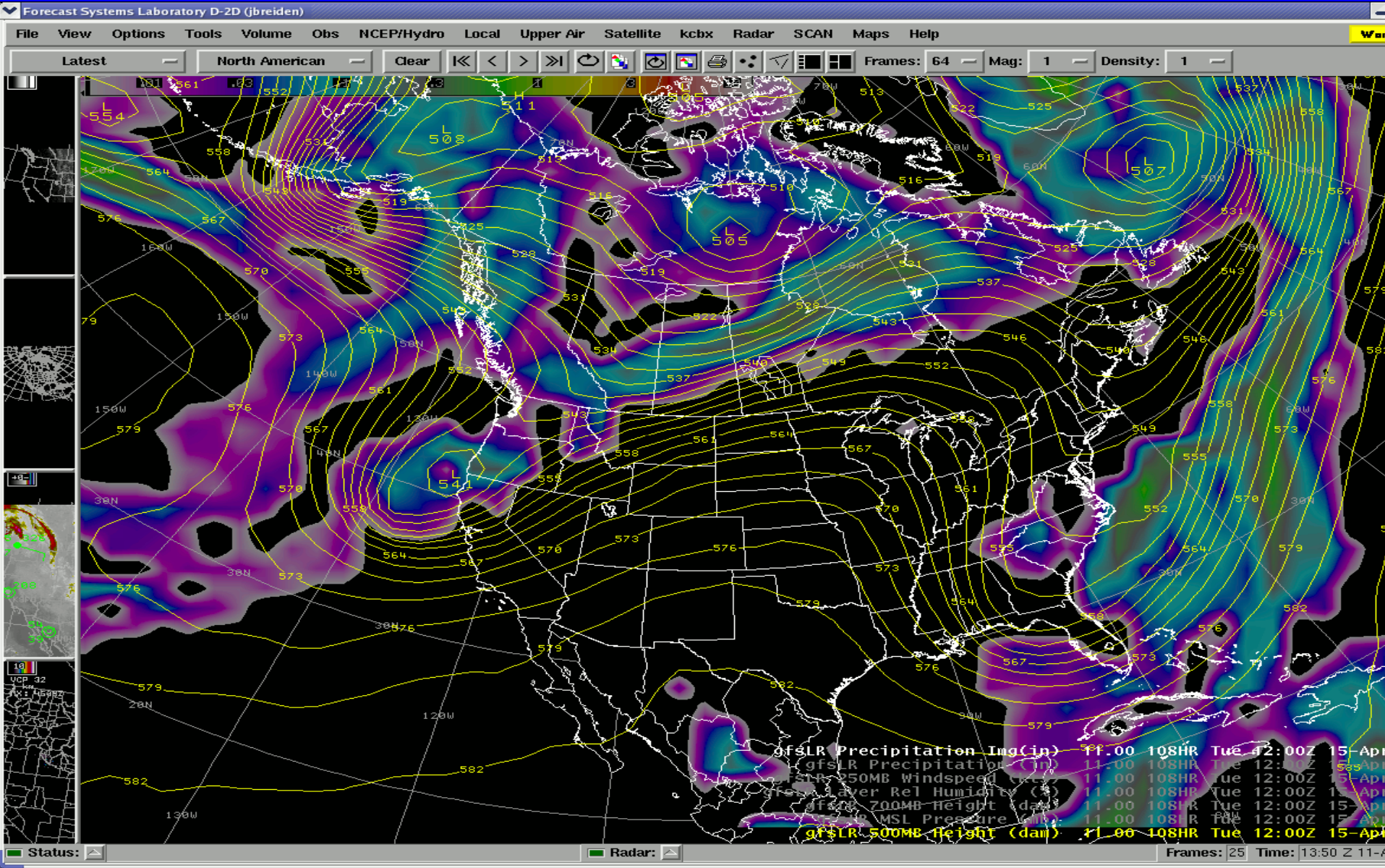
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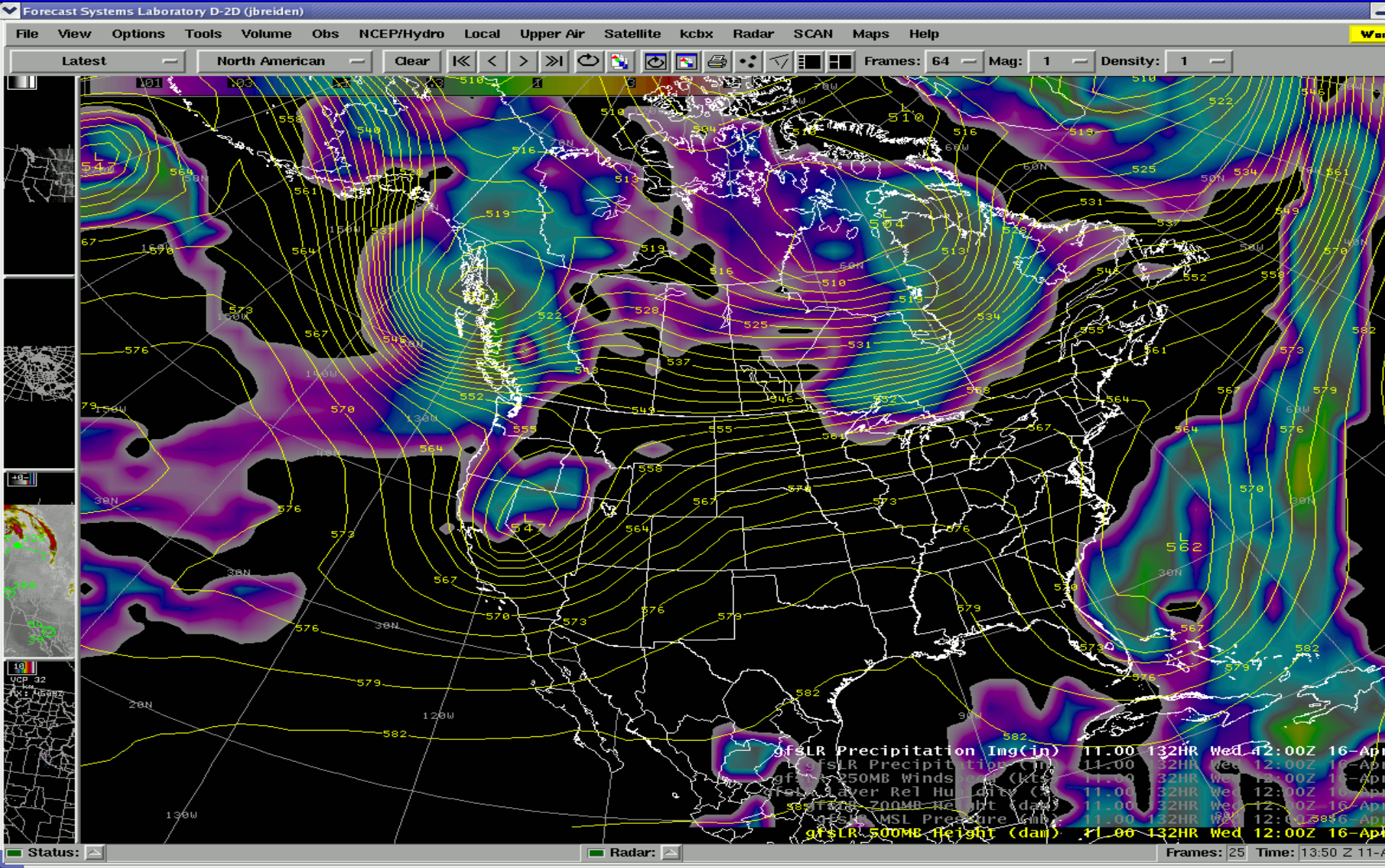
Monday, Apr 14th -Storm Approaches West Coast



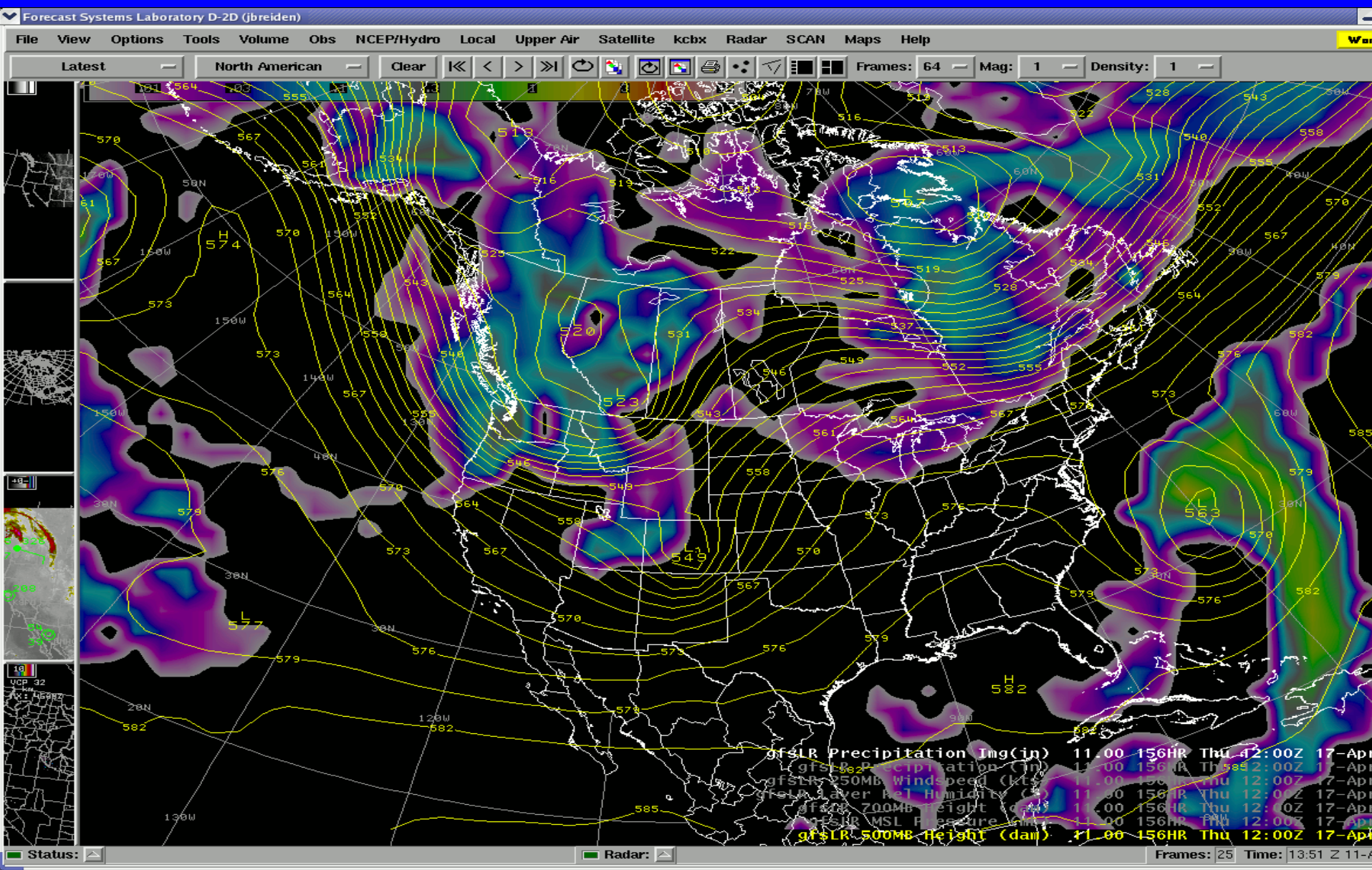
Tuesday, Apr 15th, Cooling Trend as next storm approaches from the Pacific



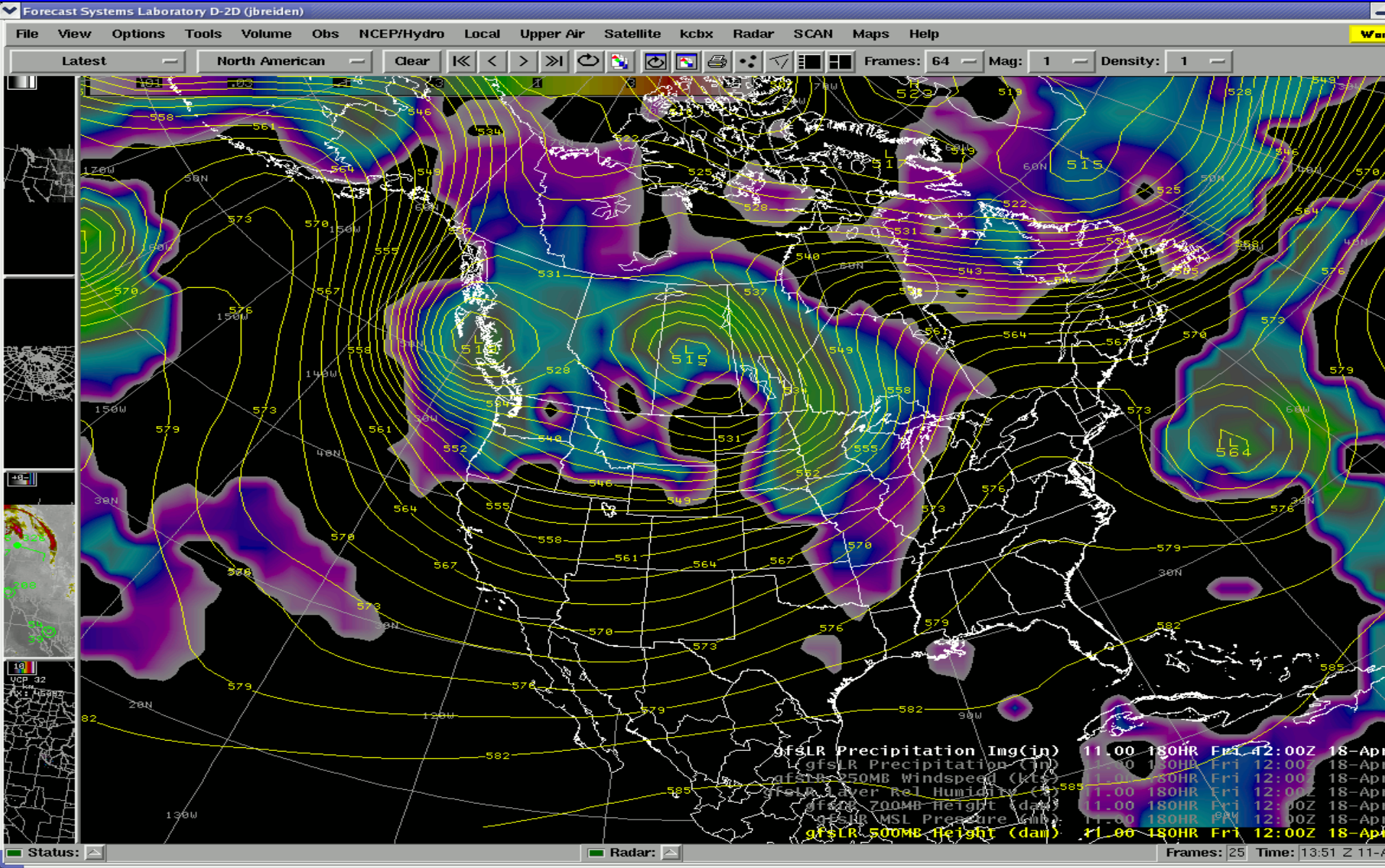
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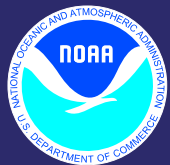


Thursday, Apr 17th – Below Normal Temperatures / Showery



Friday, Apr 18th – Cool Showery Pattern Continues





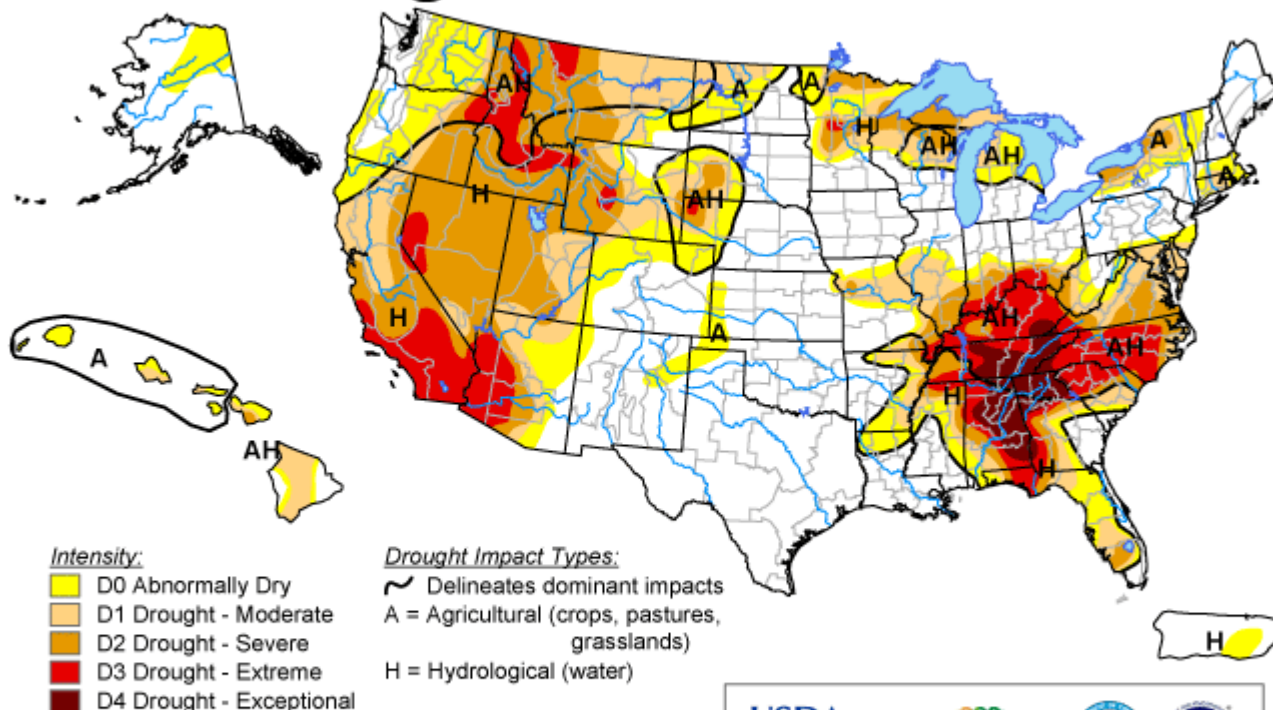
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September 25, 2007

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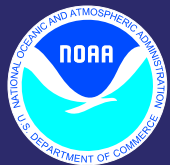
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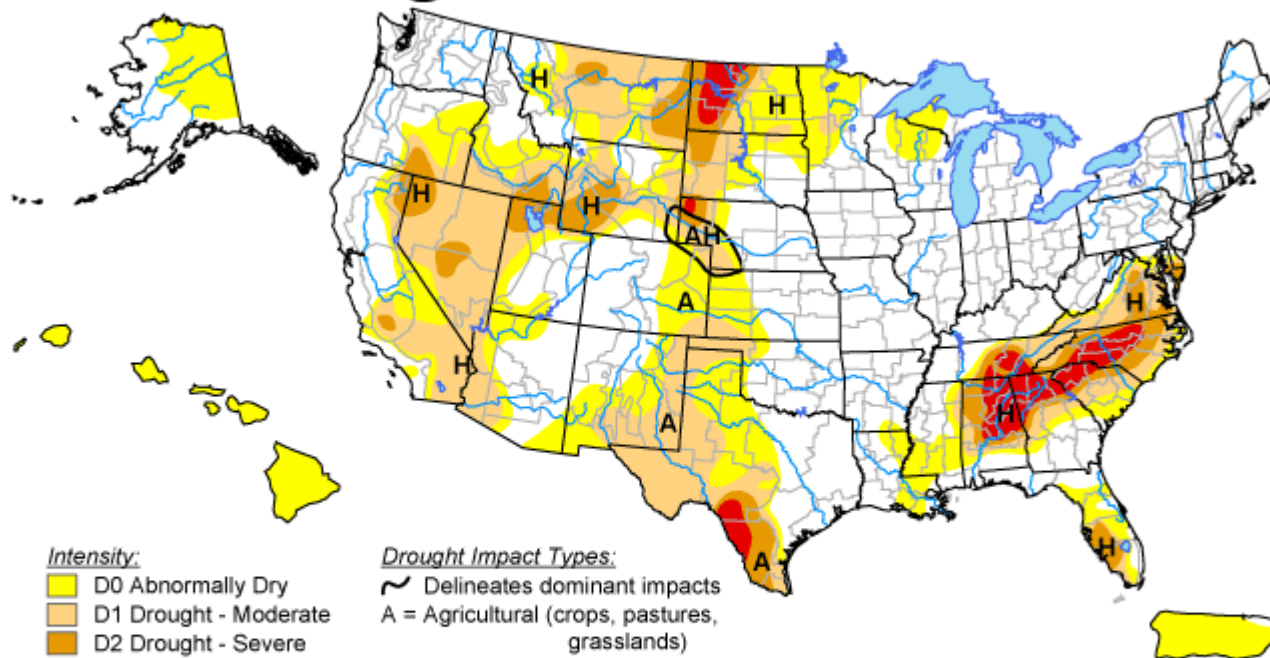
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U.S. Drought Monitor

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Intensity:

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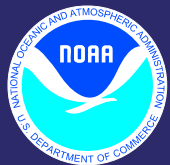
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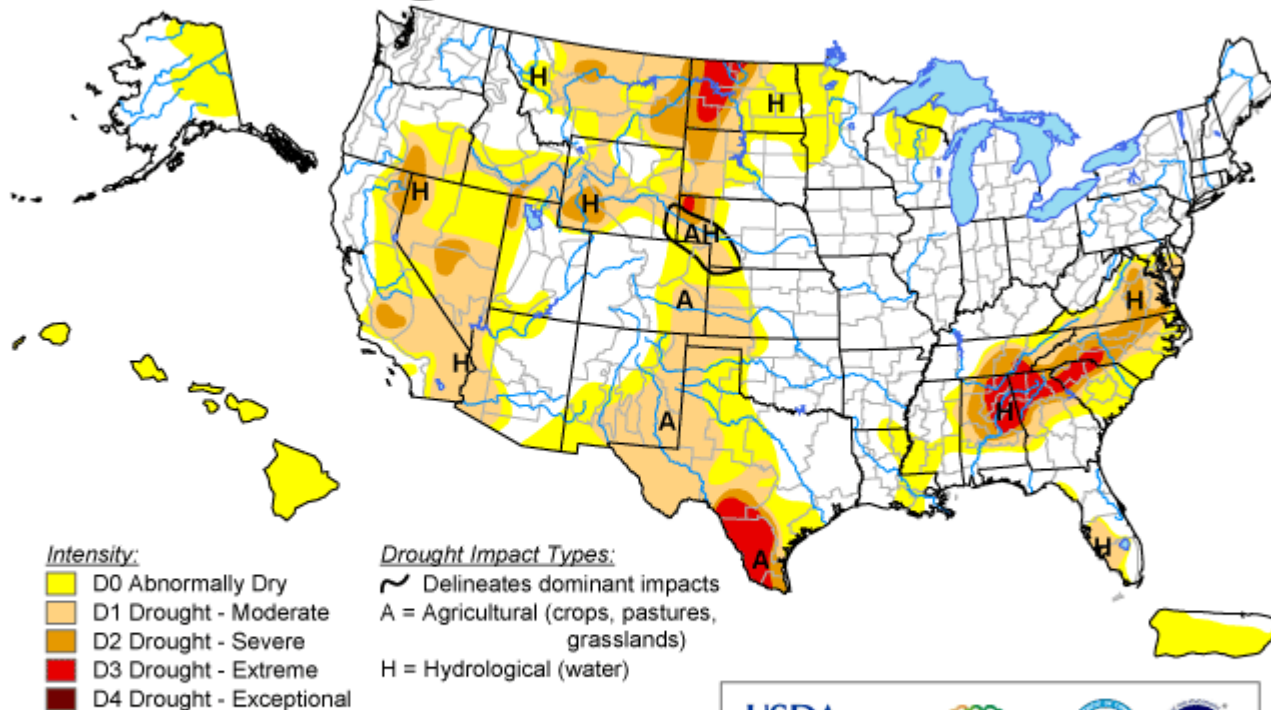


Drought



U.S. Drought Monitor

April 8, 2008
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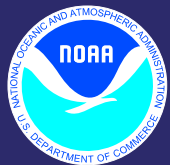
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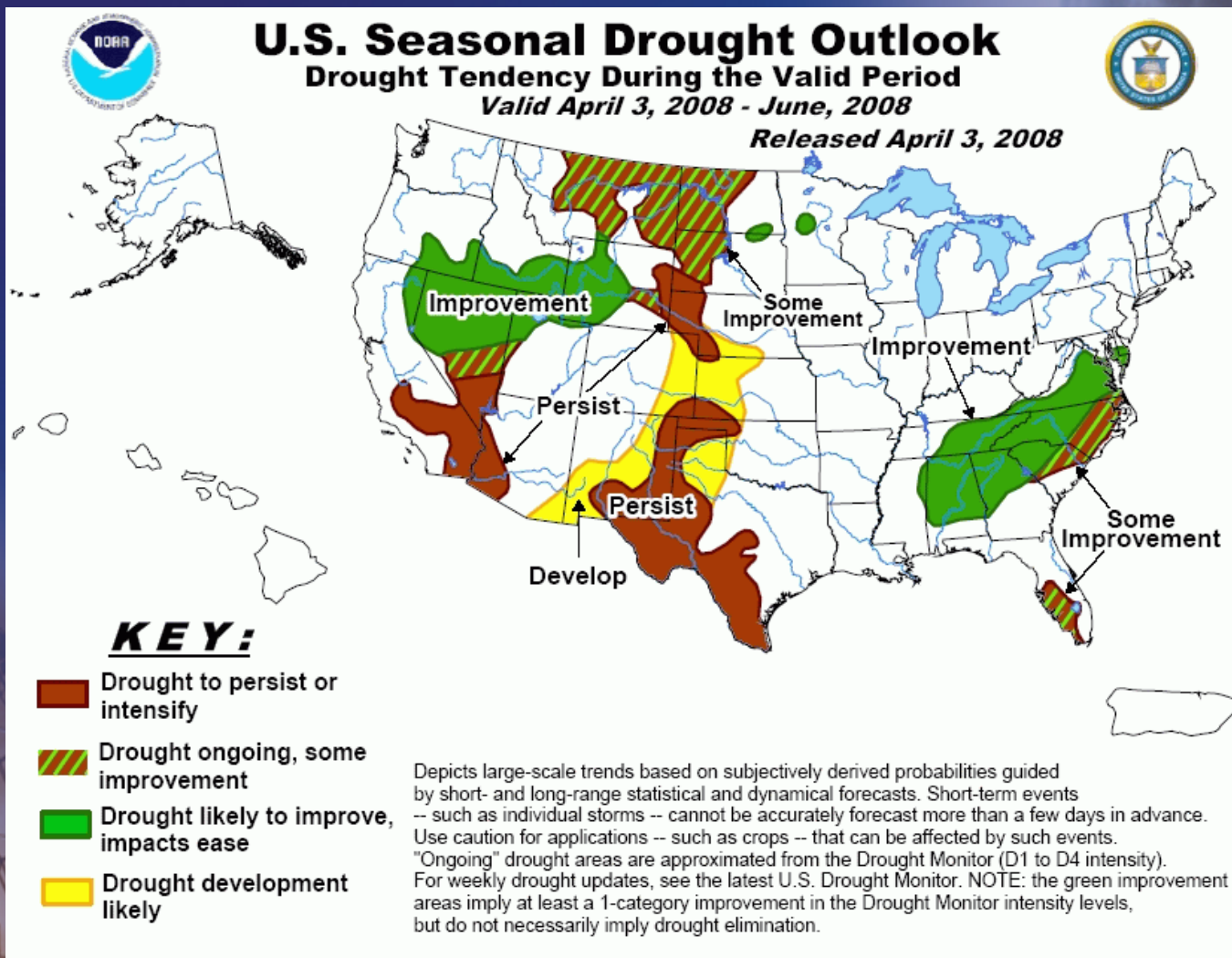


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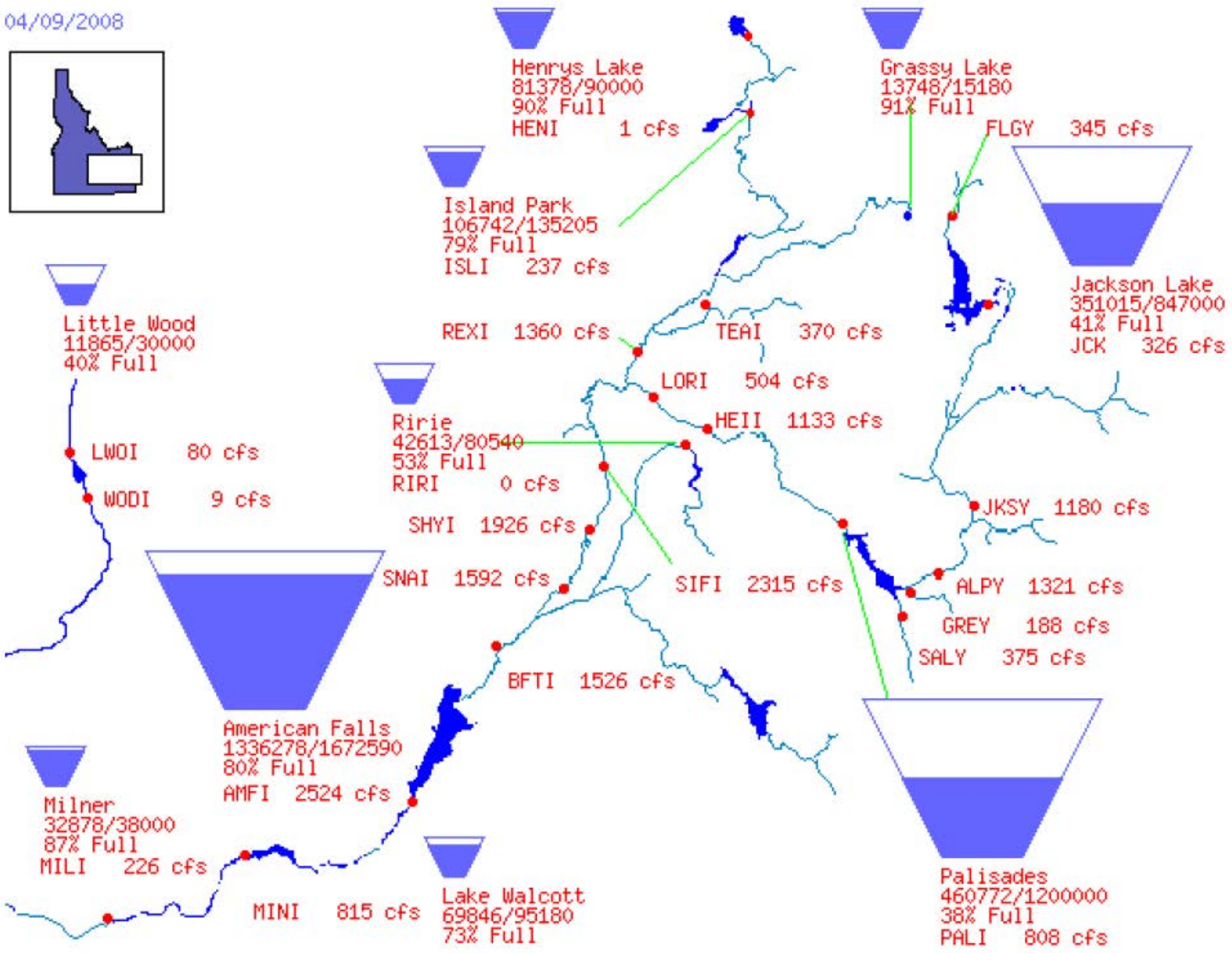
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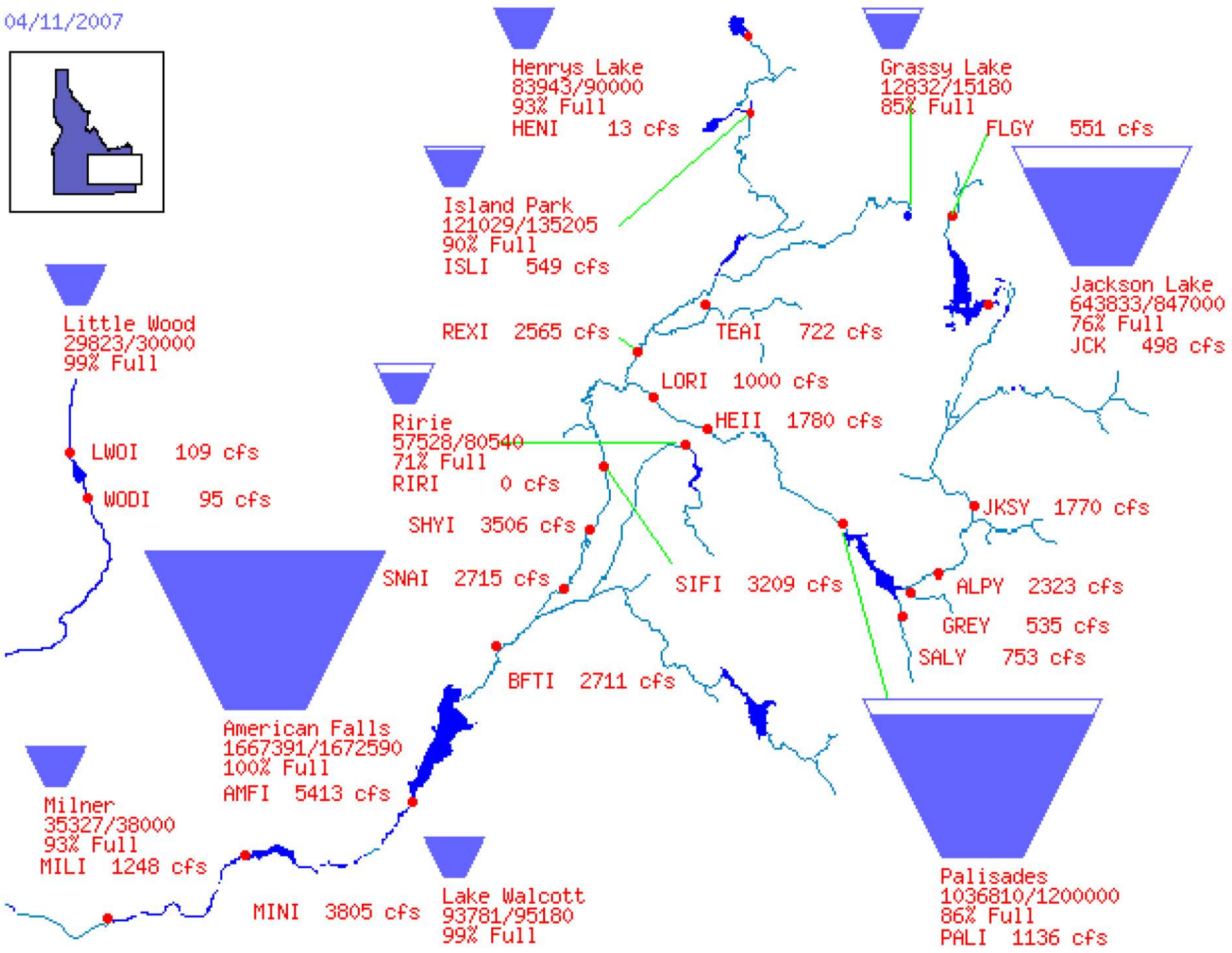
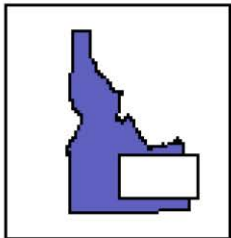
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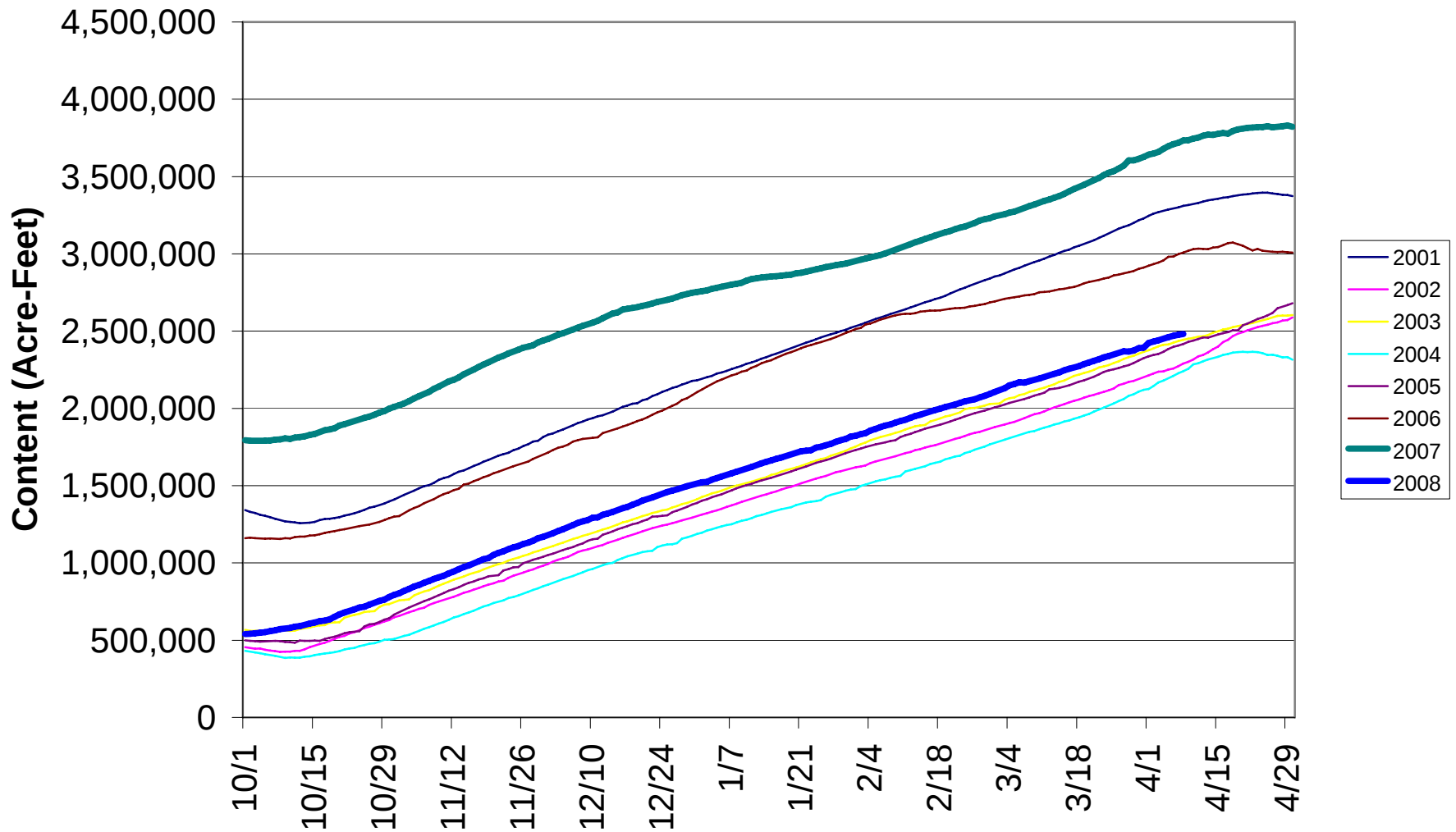


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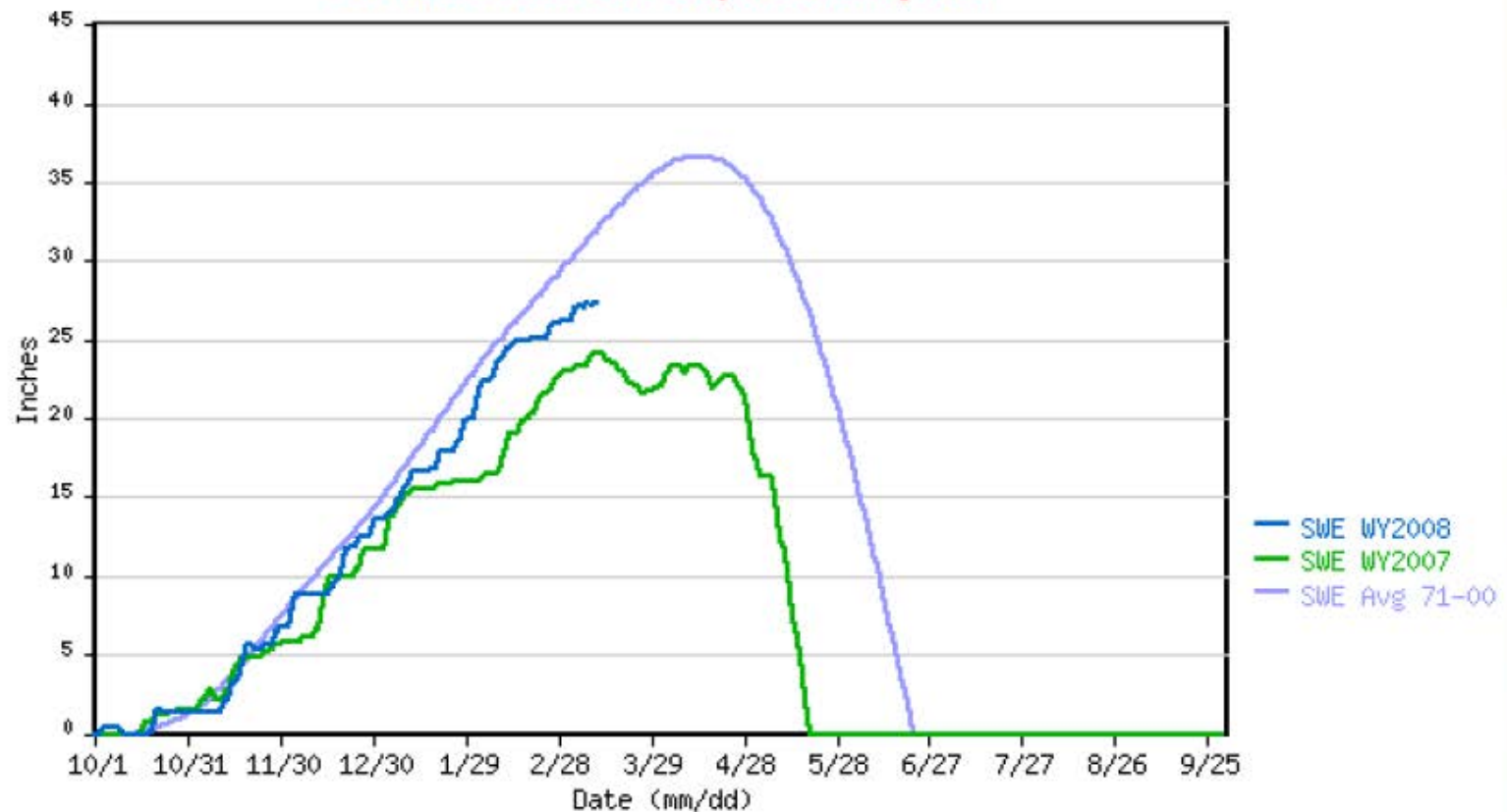


Reservoir System above Milner



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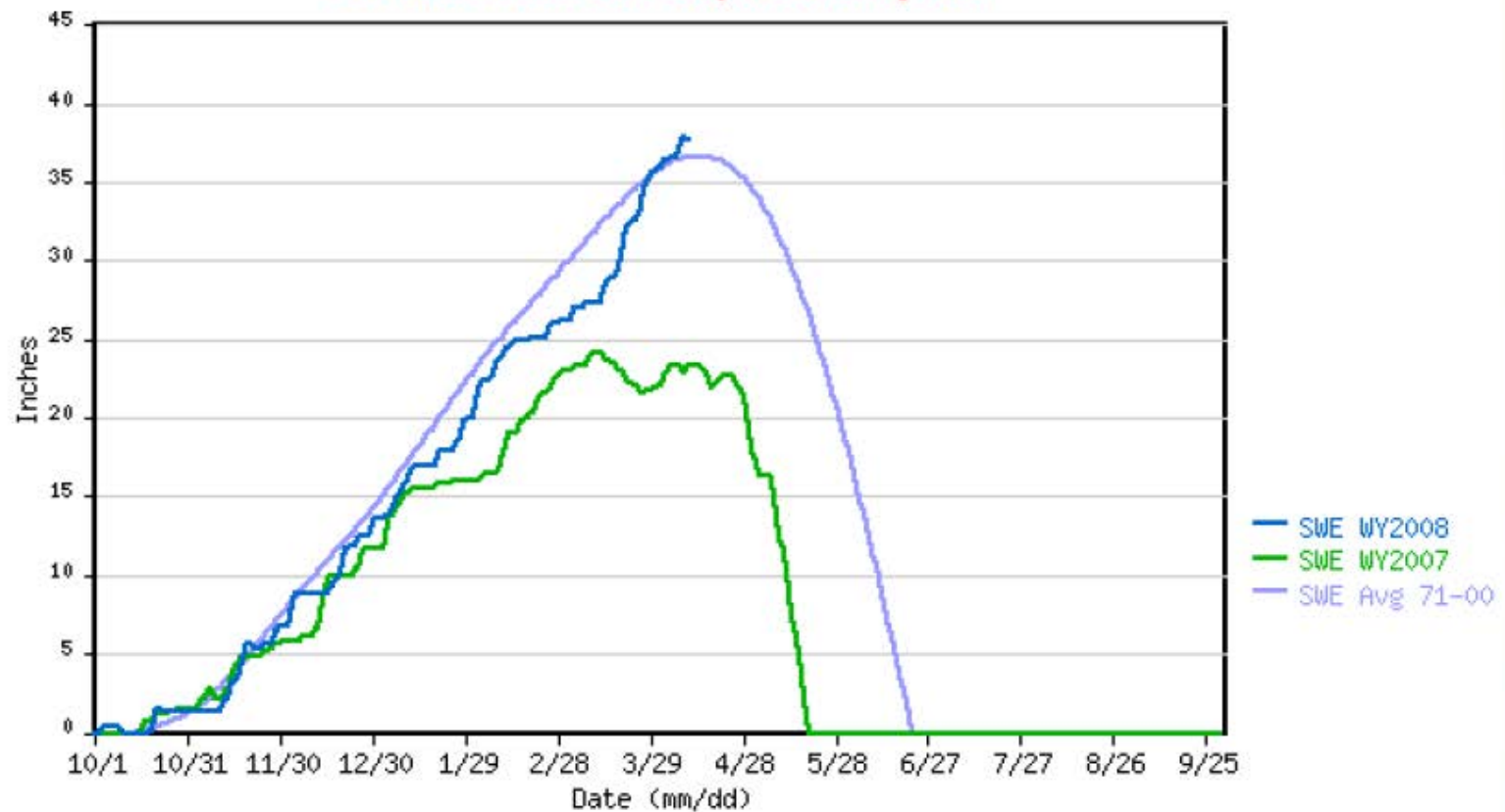
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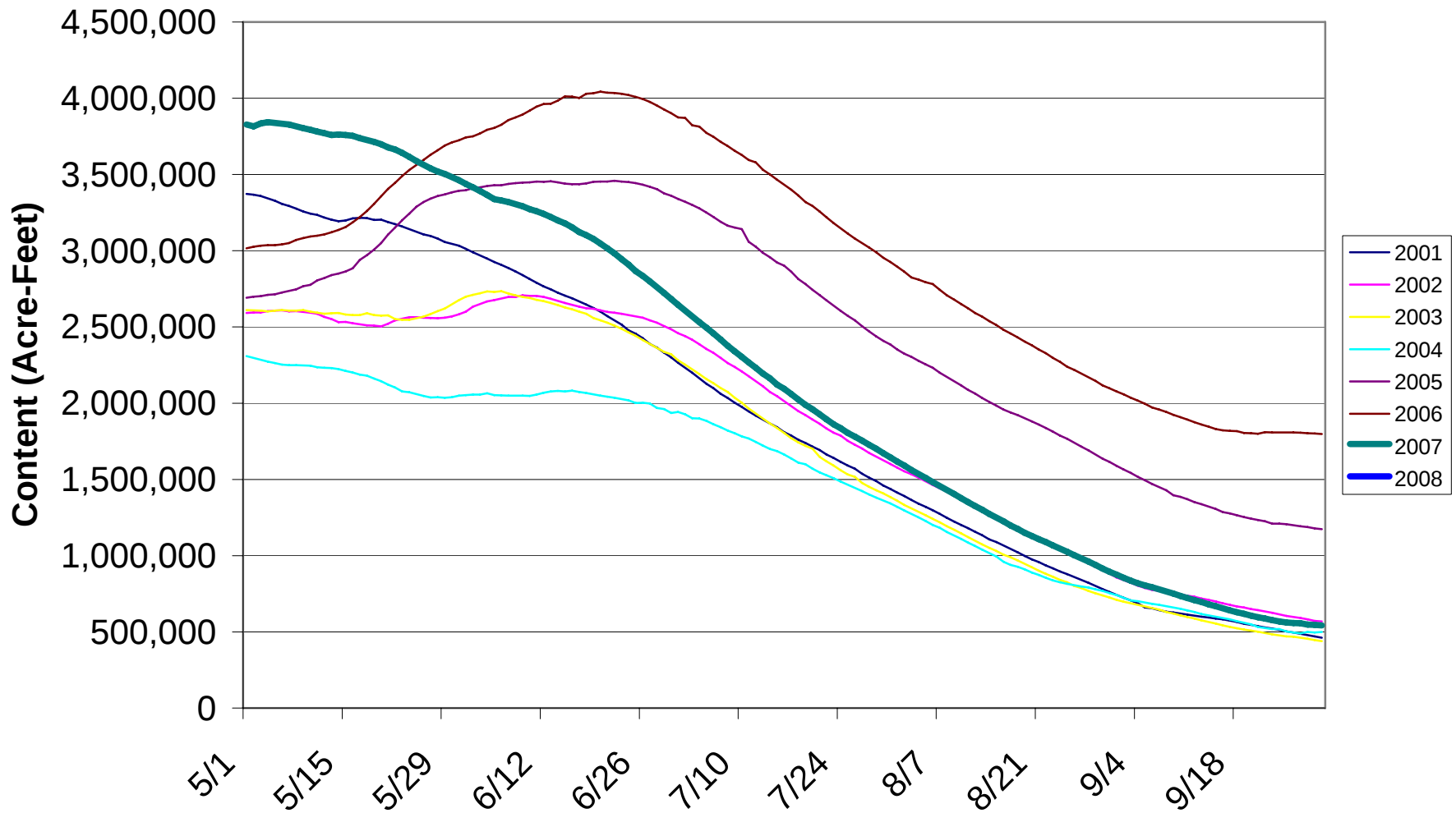
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**CURRENT
MONTHLY FORECAST SUMMARY
APRIL 1 2008**

		1971-2000		NORMAL SUBSEQUENT CONDITIONS	
FORECAST	FORECAST PERIOD	AVERAGE (1000AF)	FORECAST (1000AF)	PERCENT NORMAL	
		AVE	NORM	%	
HEISE	APR-JUL	3561.0	3650.0	***	102
ISLAND PARK	APR-JUL	234.6	219.3		93
JACKSON LAKE	APR-JUL	814.7	870.0		107
LITTLE WOOD	APR-JUL	86.9	86.0	***	99
RIRIE_NEW	APR-JUN	81.5	79.0	***	97
TETON	APR-JUL	410.7	418.6		102

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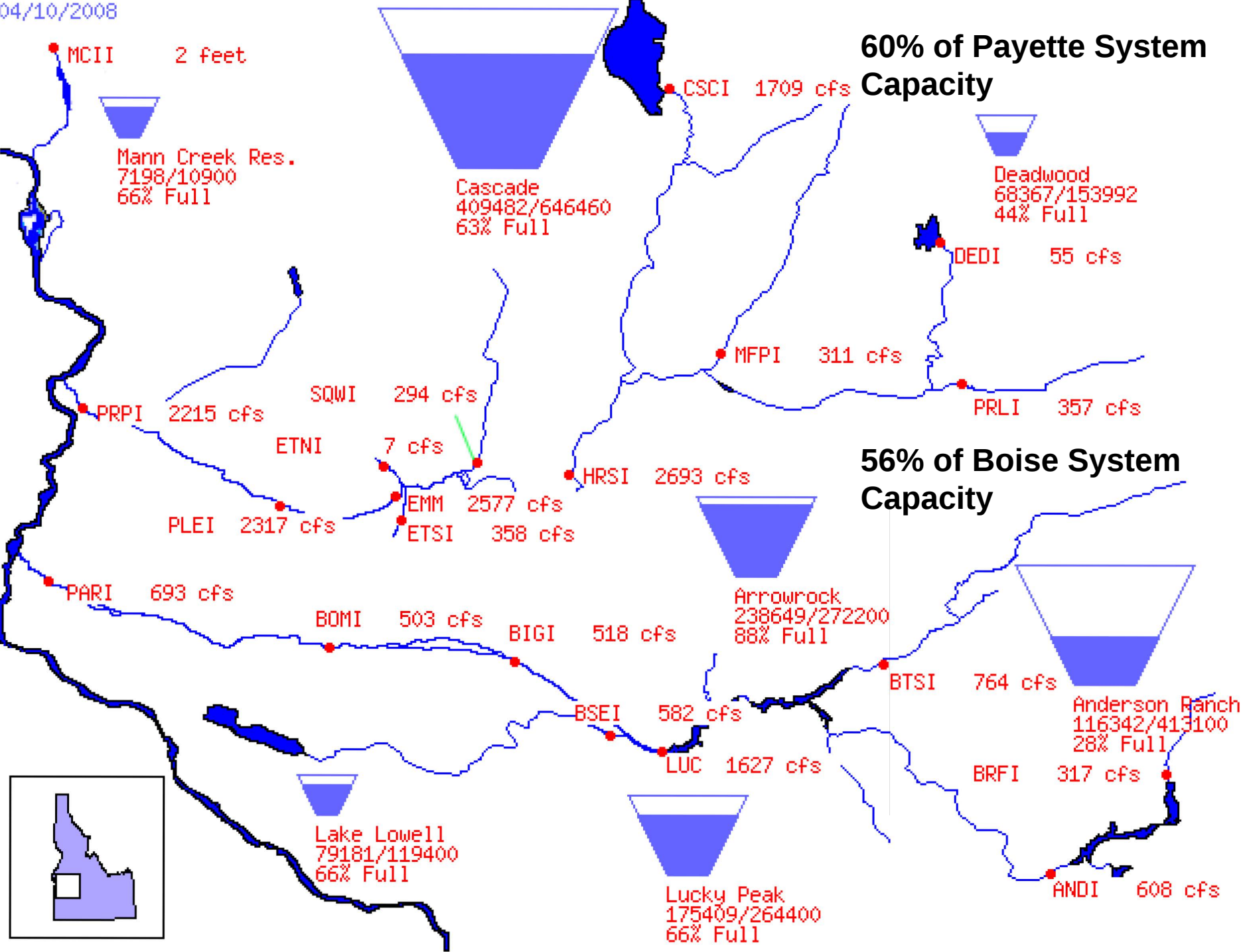
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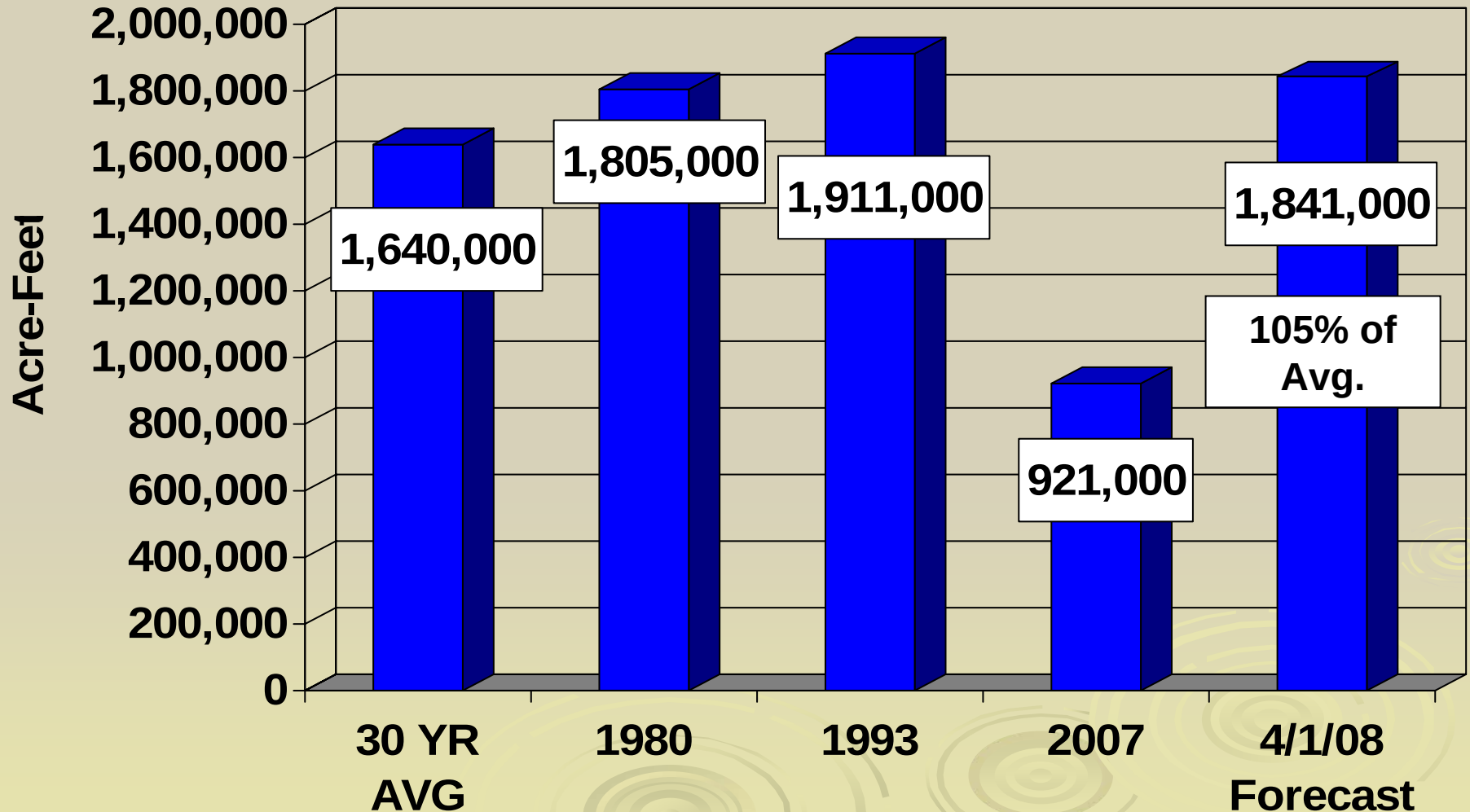


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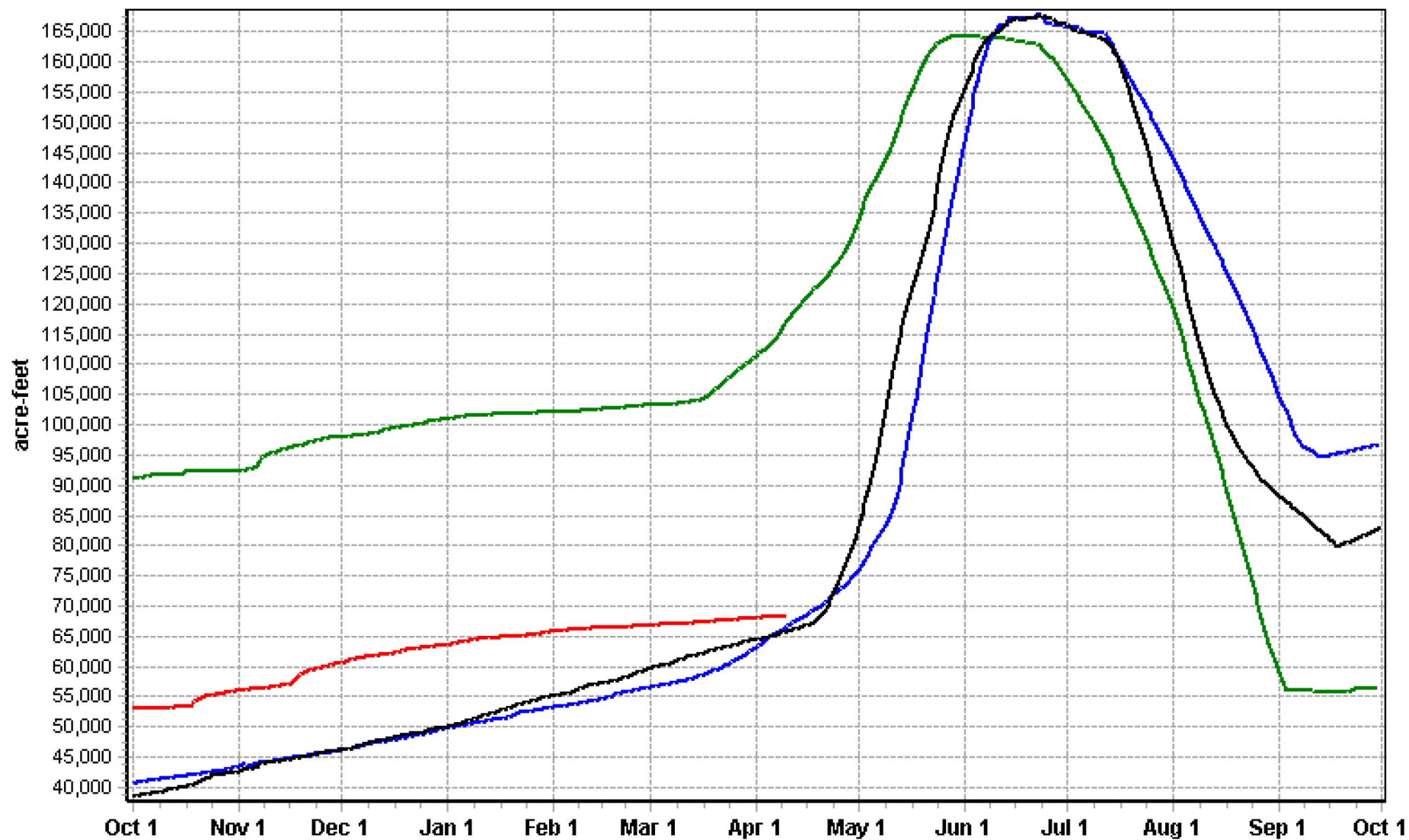
Payette River Runoff at Horseshoe Bend

April 1 – July 31



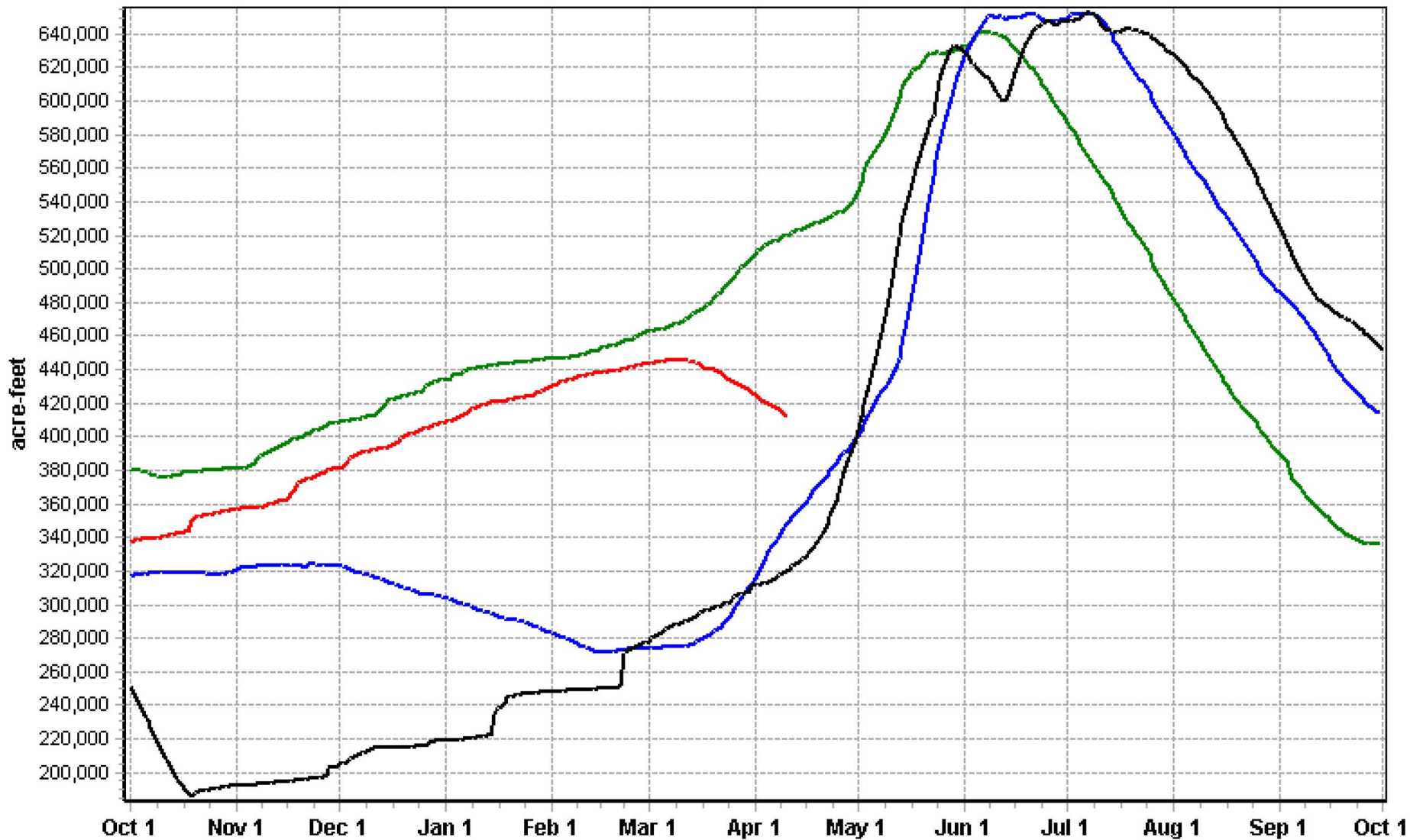
Deadwood Reservoir Storage (capacity = 154,000 af)

— 2008 — 2007 — 1993 — 1980

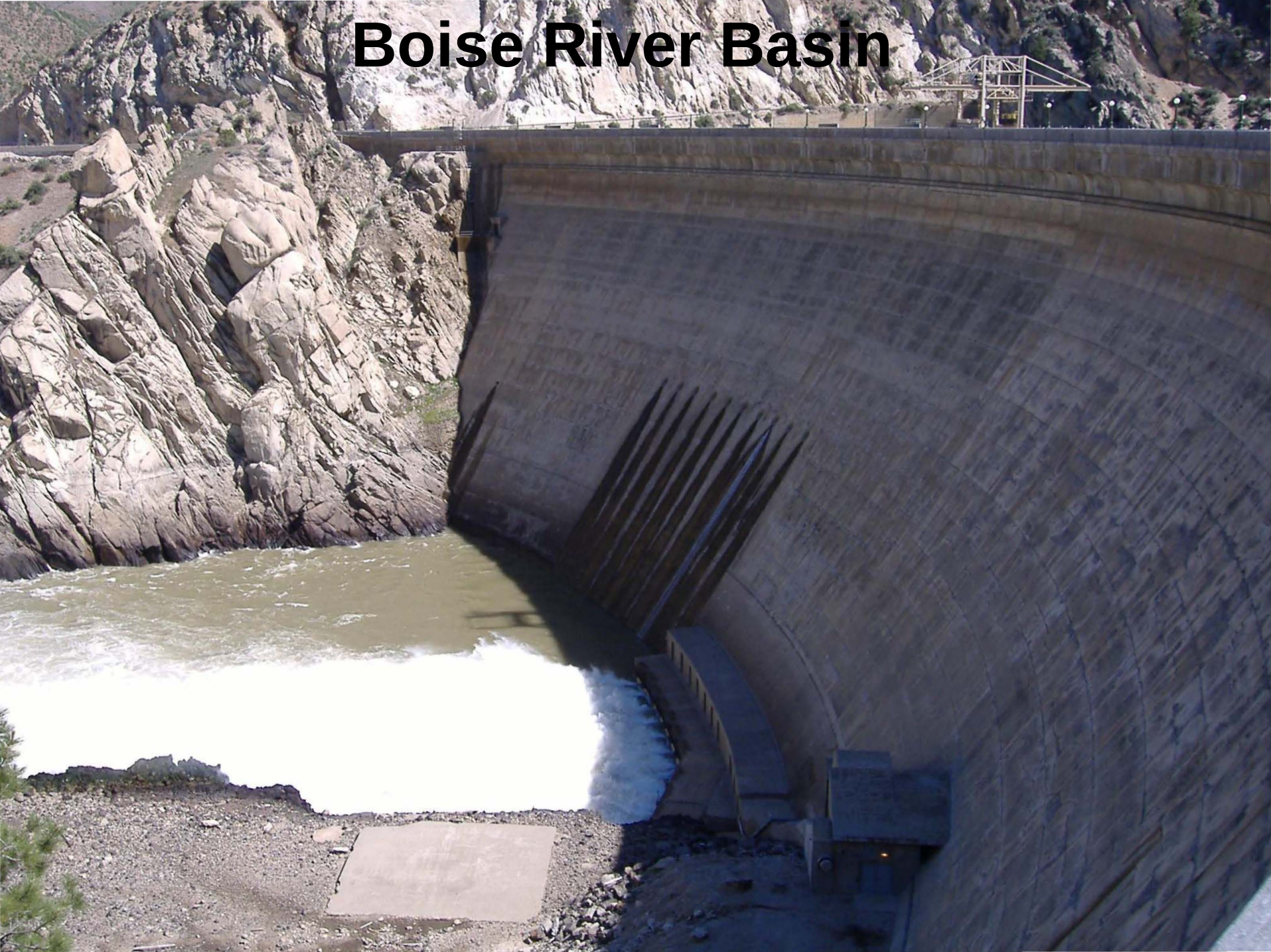


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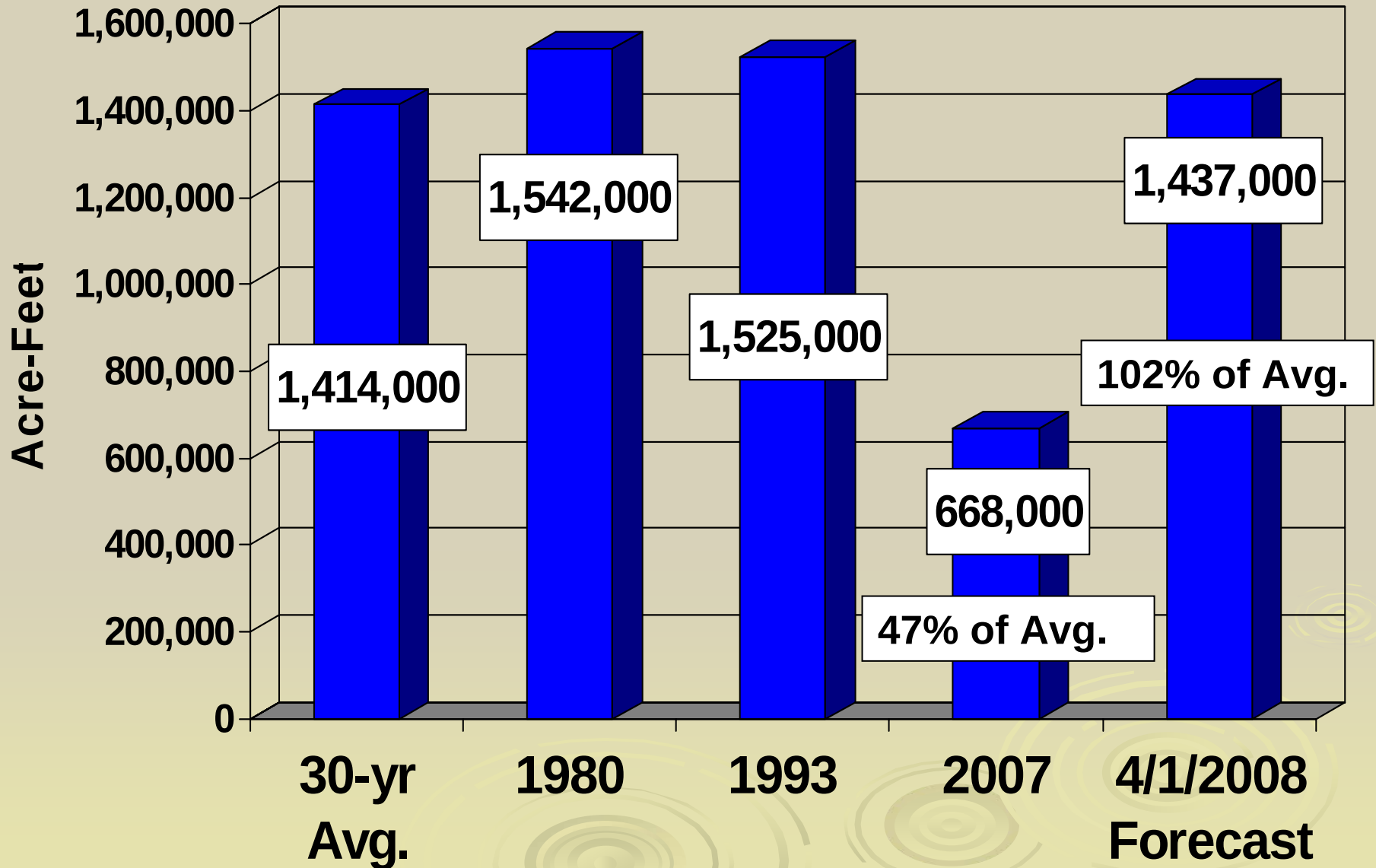


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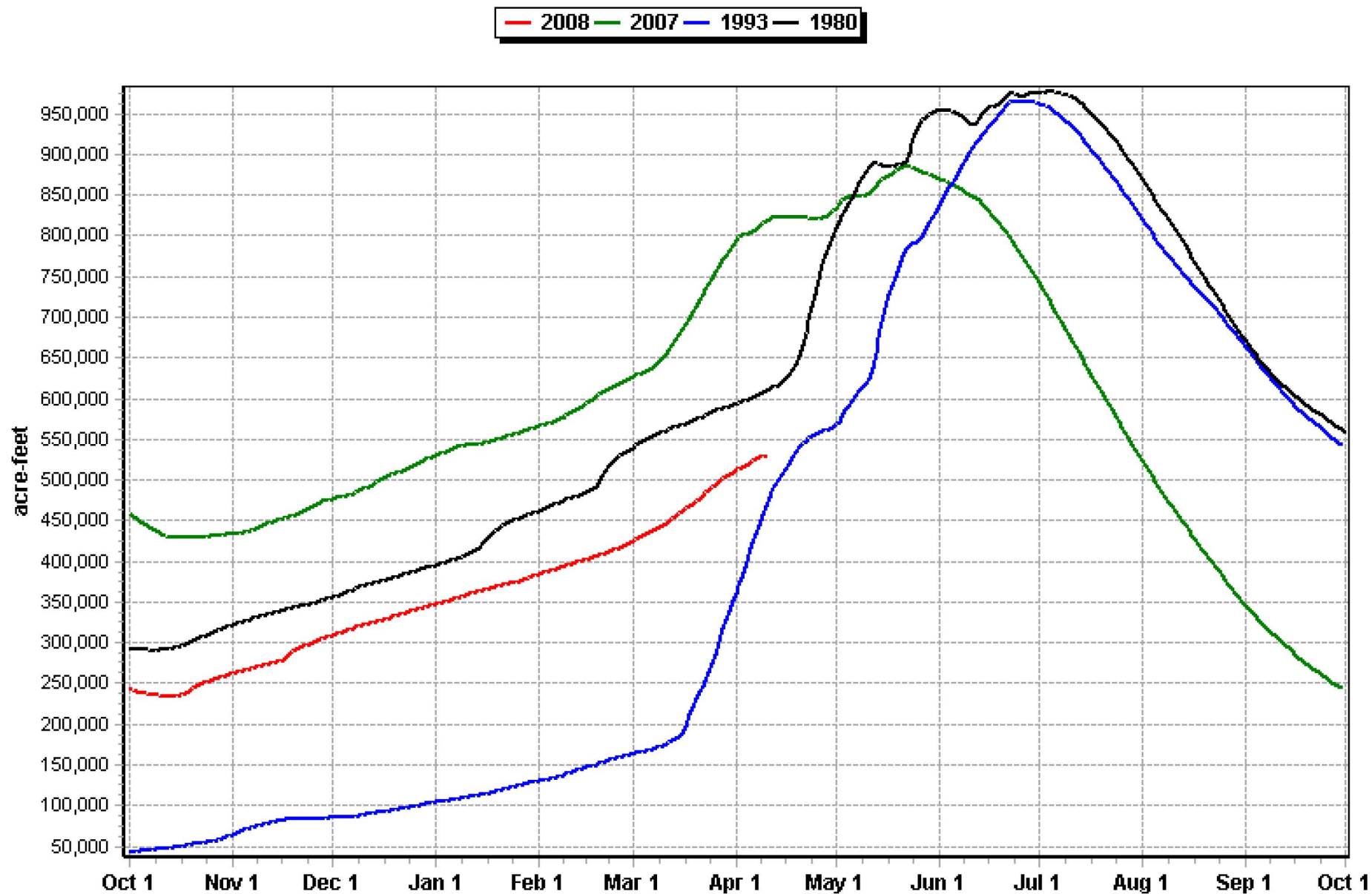


Boise Basin Runoff

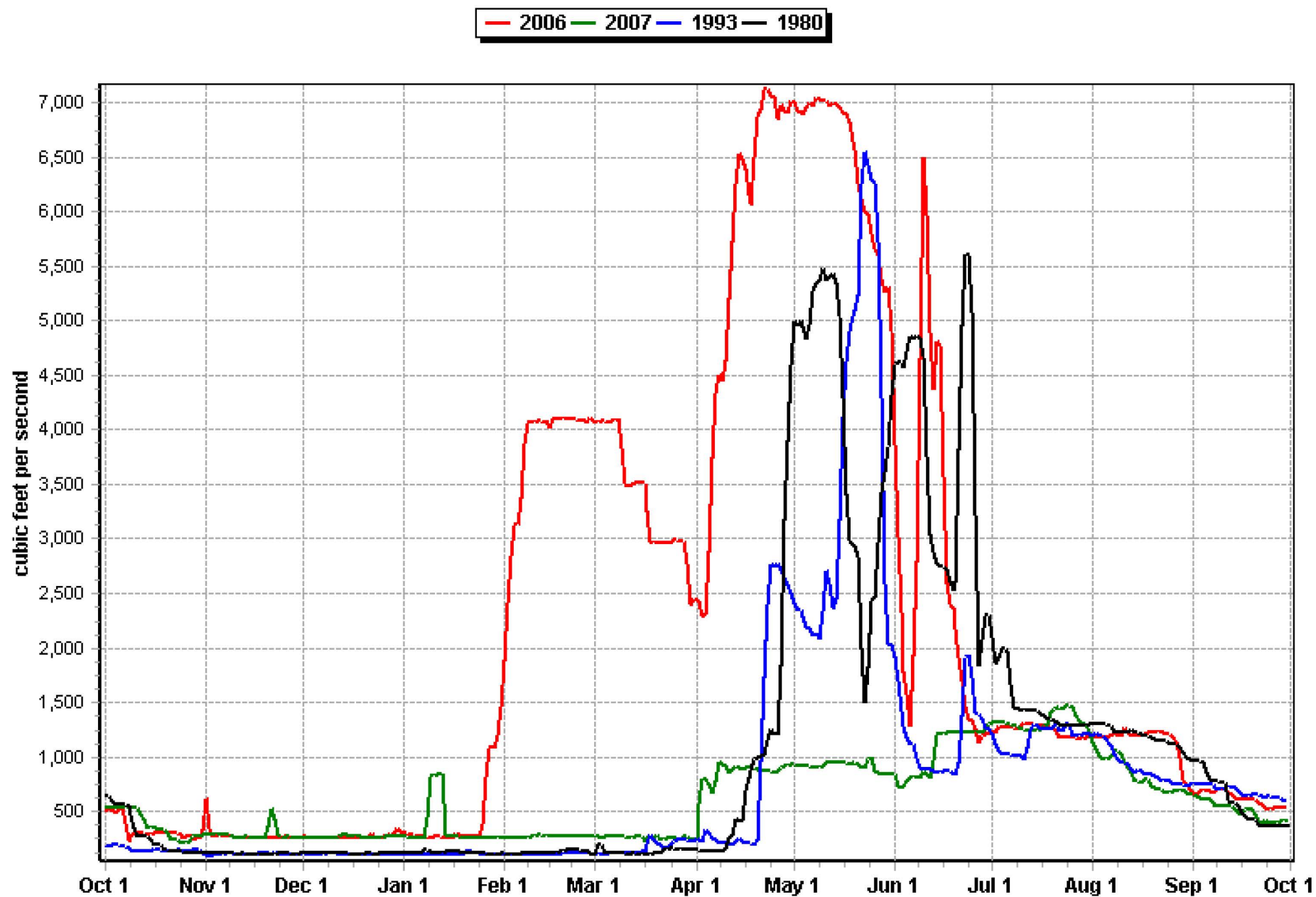
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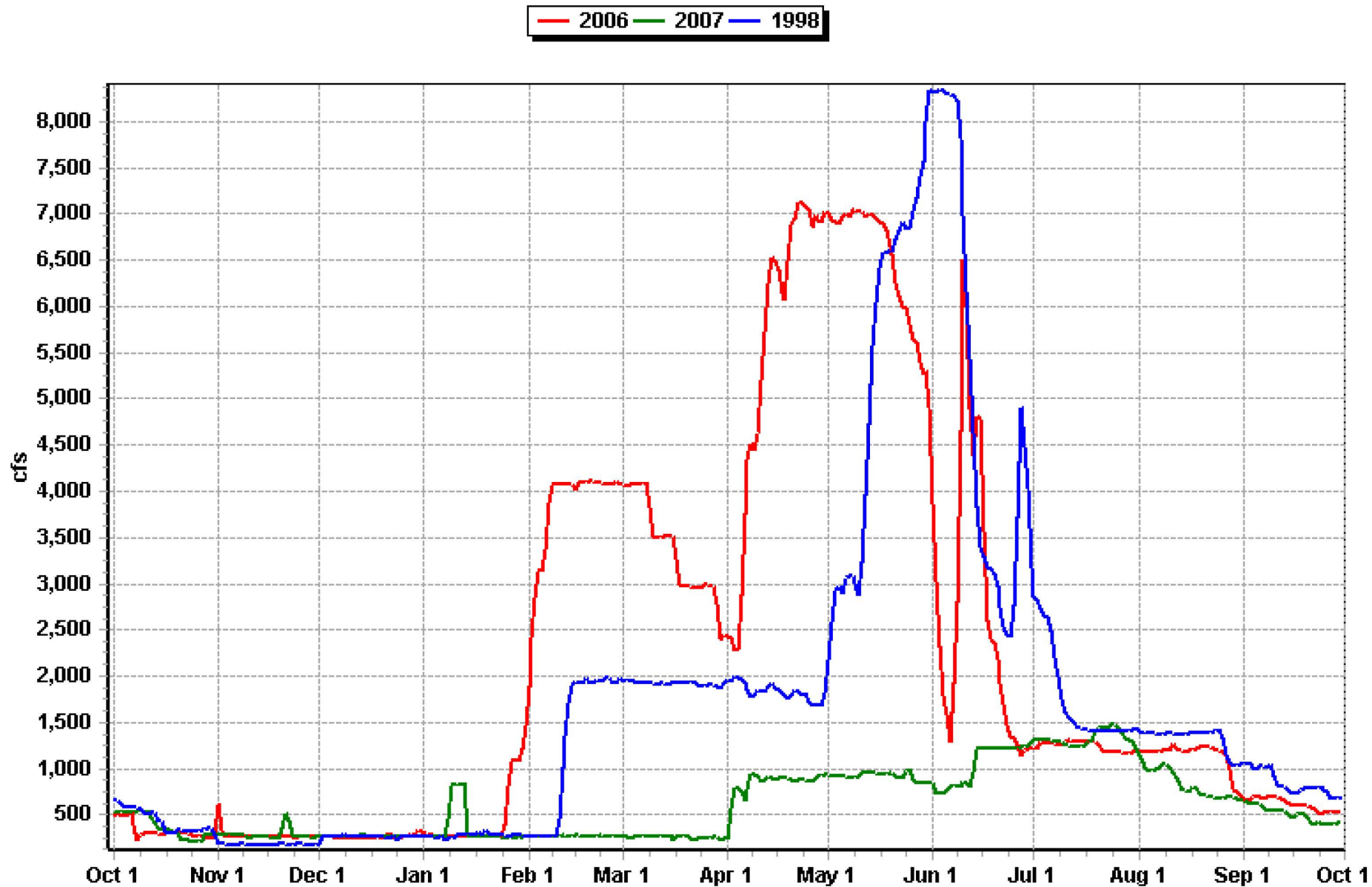
Boise Reservoir System Storage (capacity = 949,700 af)



Boise River Flows at Boise

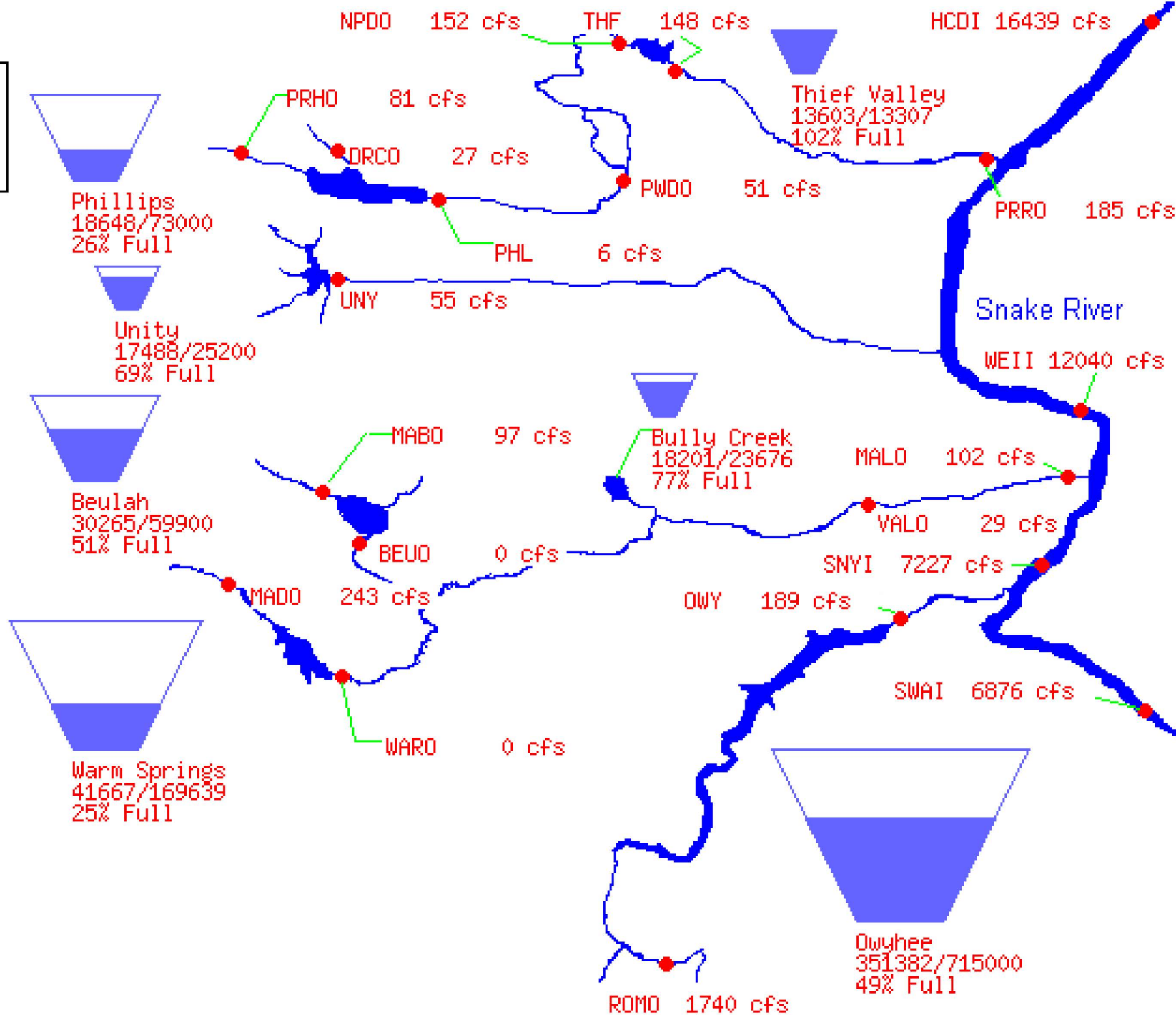
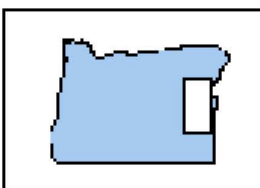


Boise River at Glenwood Bridge (The best laid plans can go awry...)



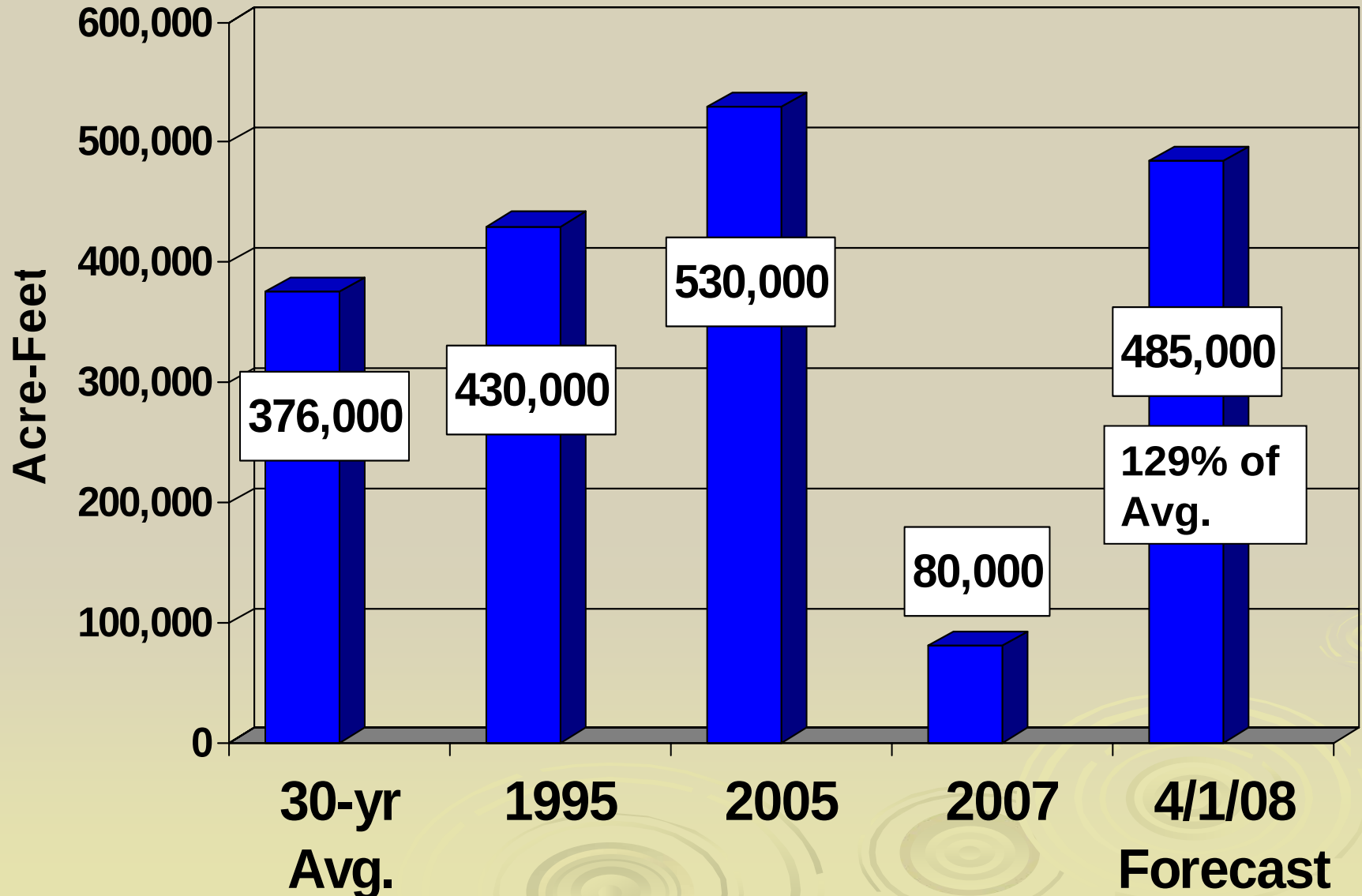
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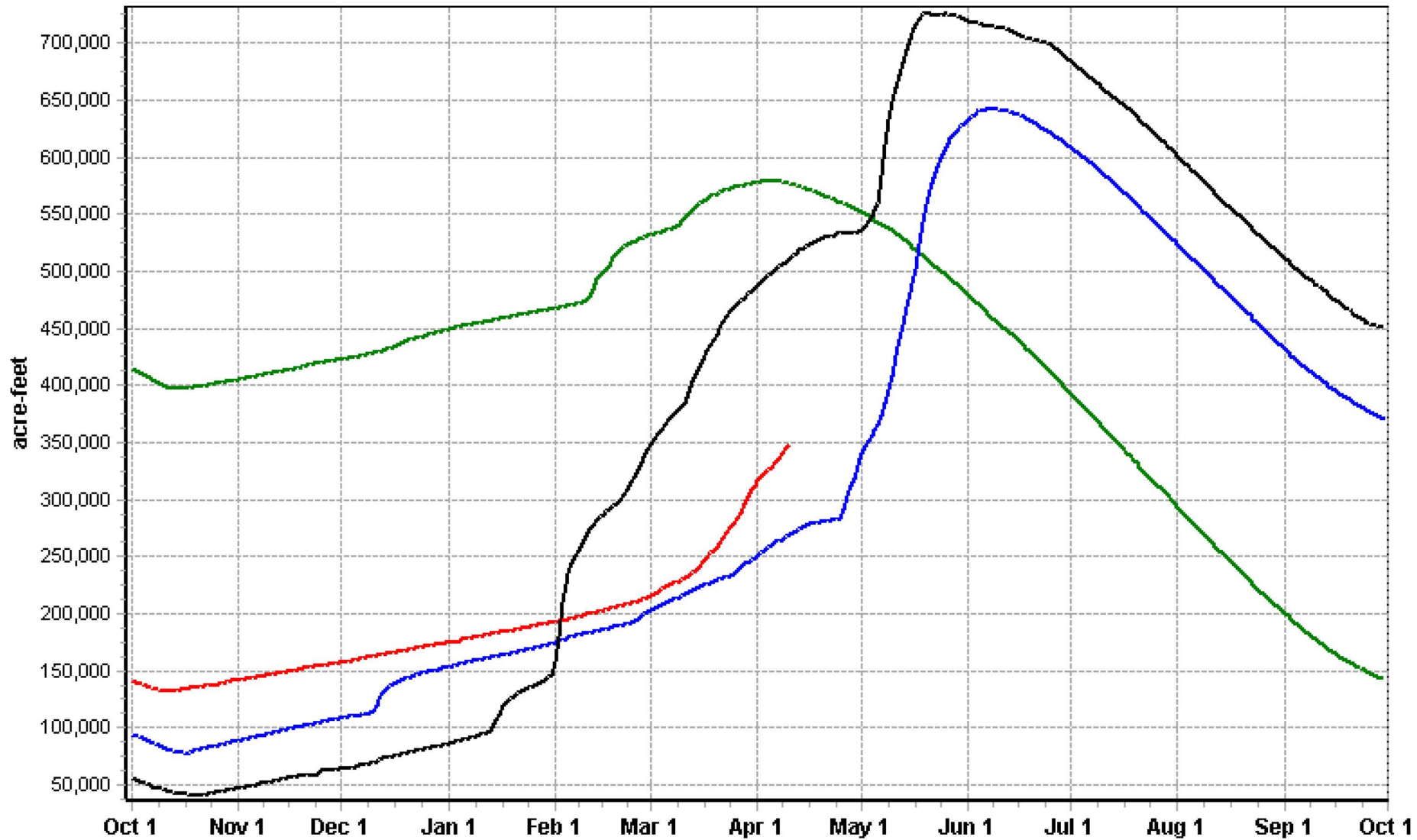
Owyhee Basin Runoff

April 1 – June 30



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April 2008

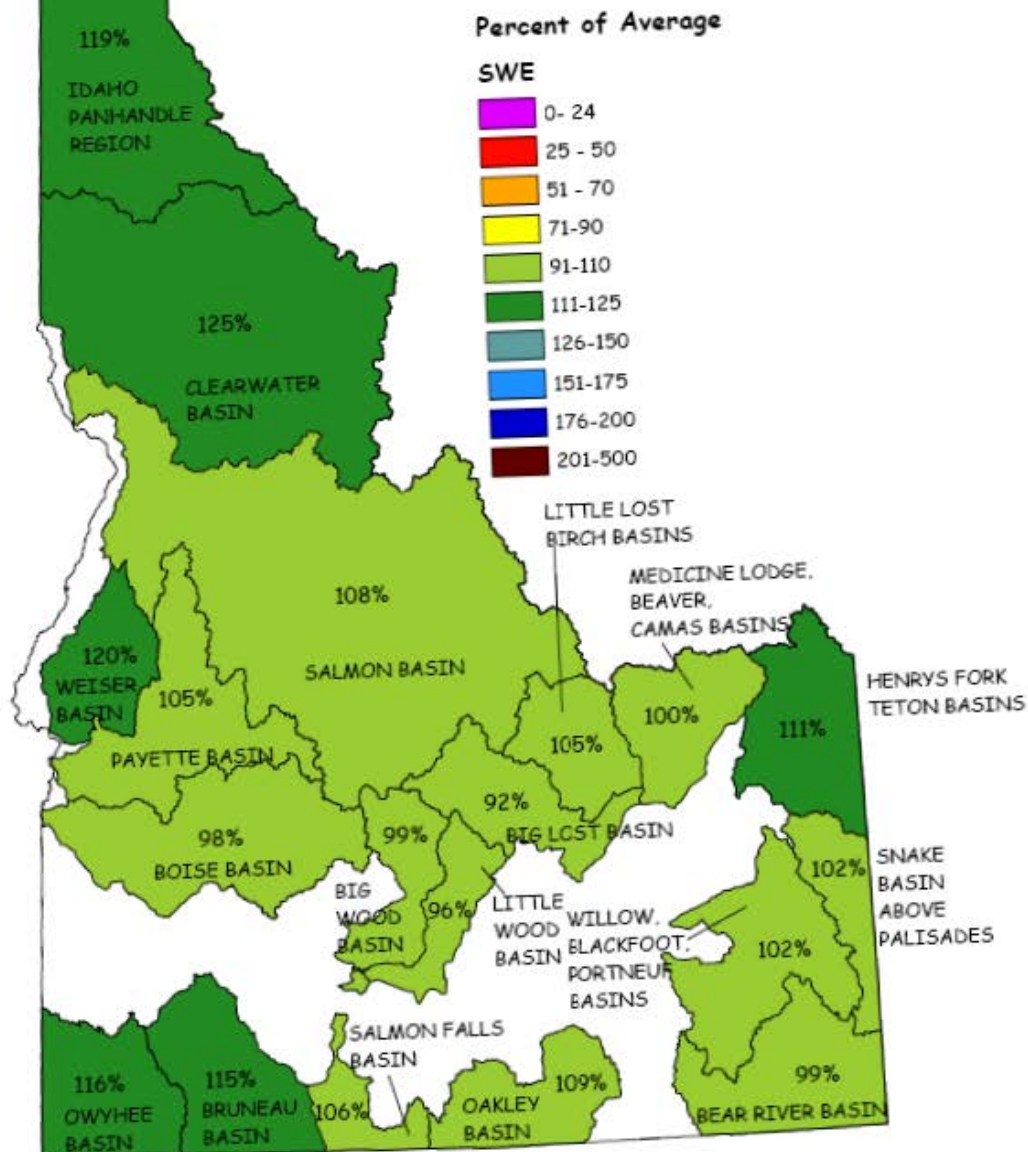
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Mountain Snow Water Equivalent

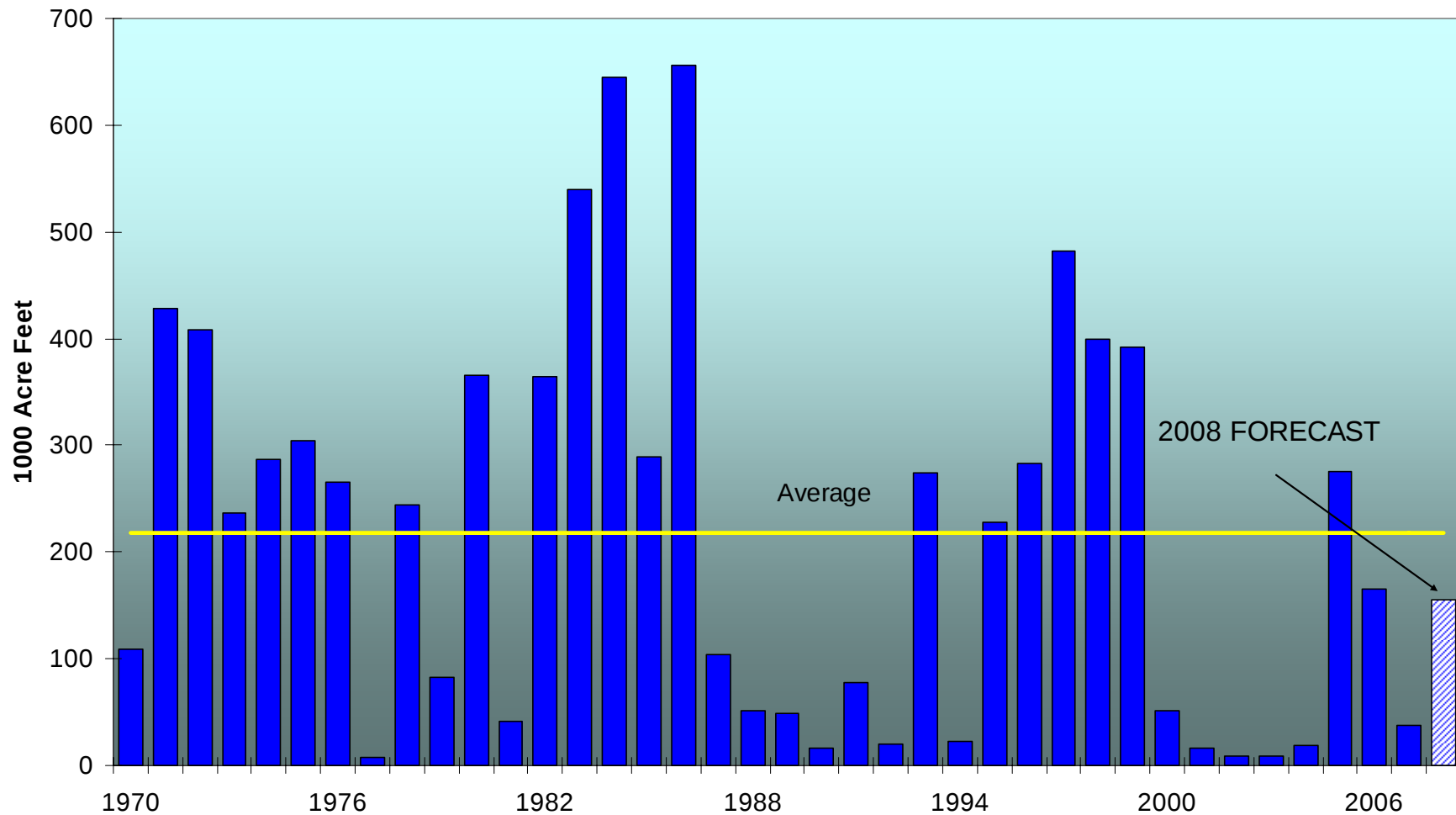
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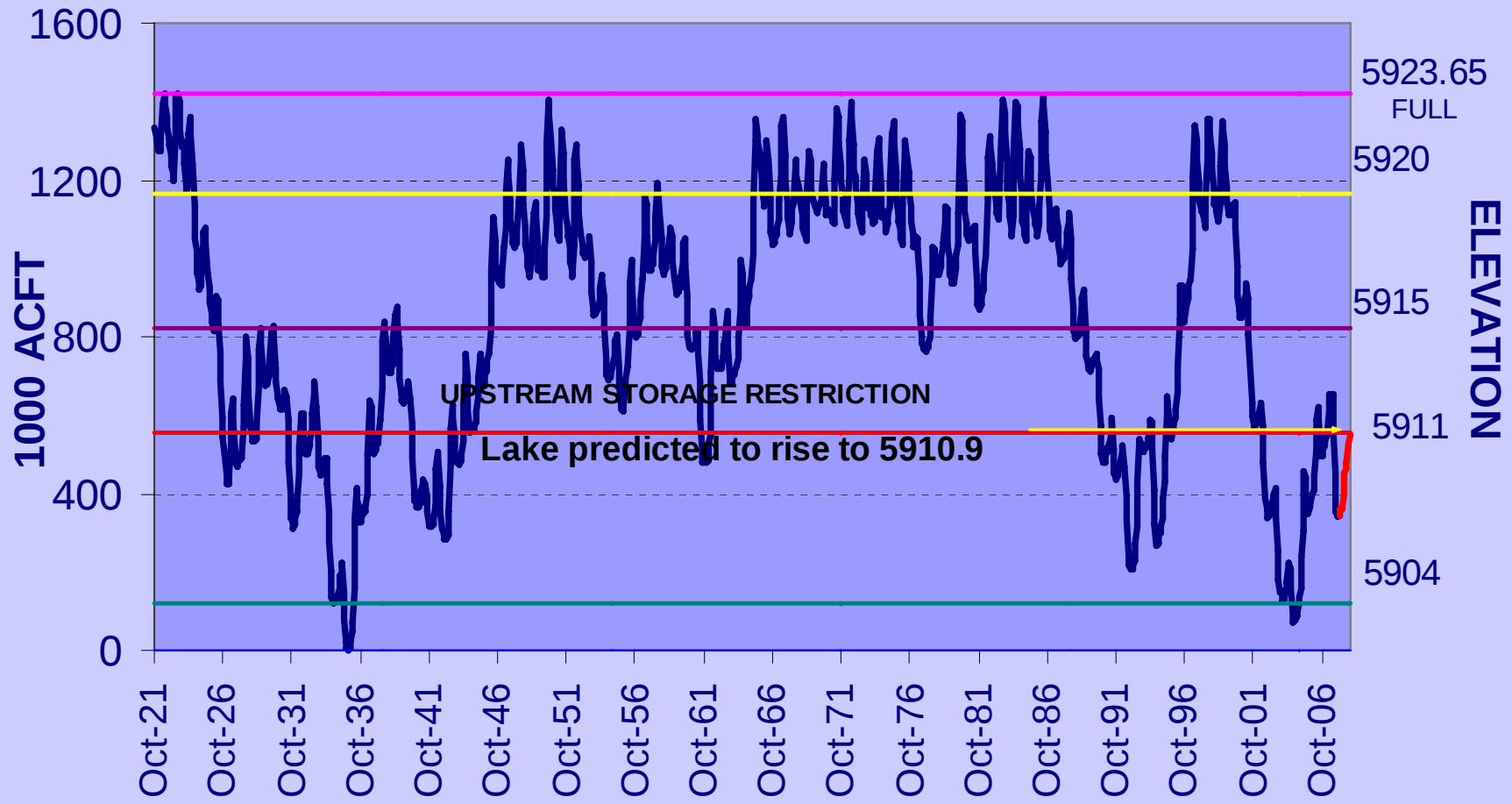


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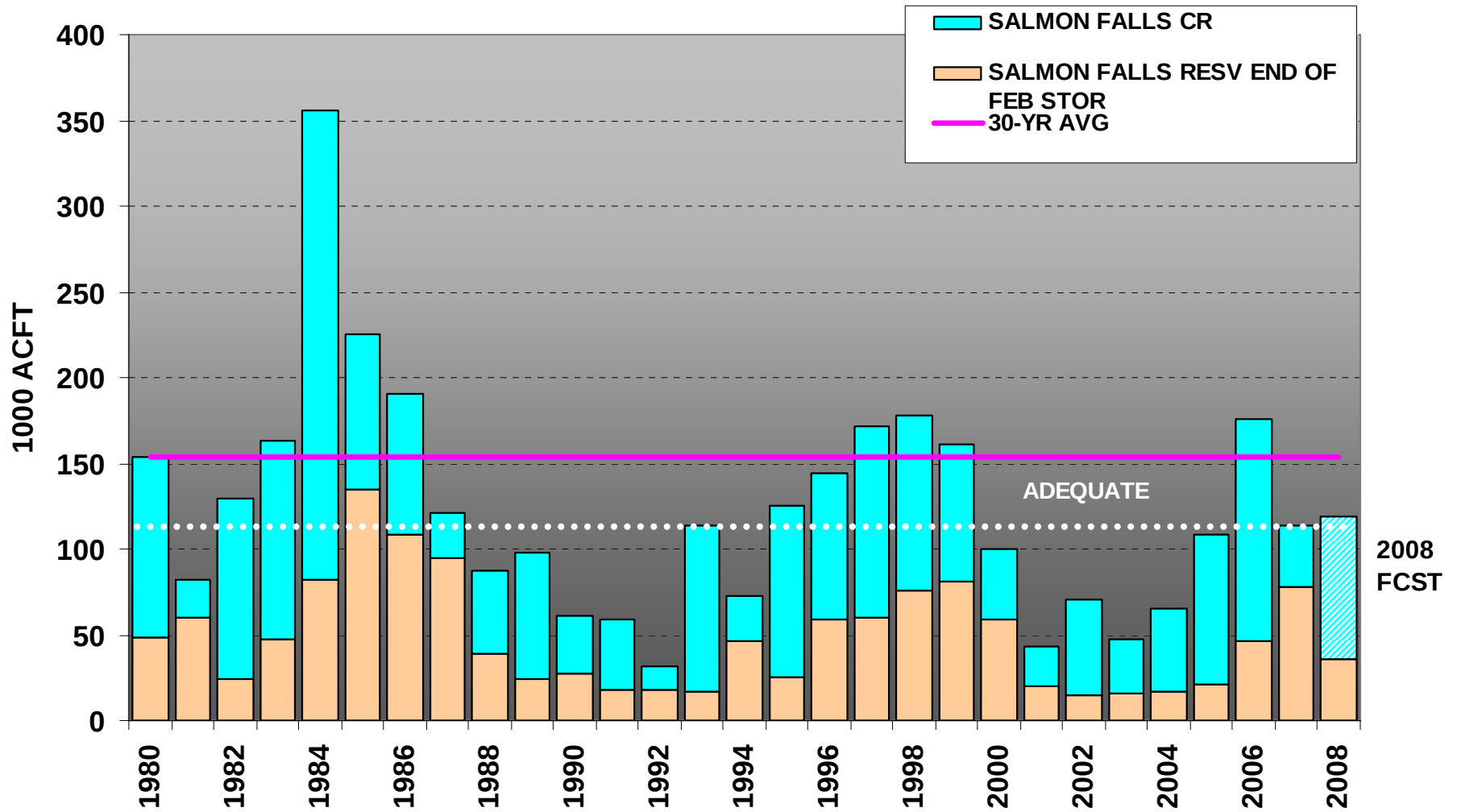
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER RAINBOW INLET CANAL VOLUME



BEAR LAKE END OF MONTH STORAGE
WATER YEARS 1922-2007
UPDATED THRU Oct 2007



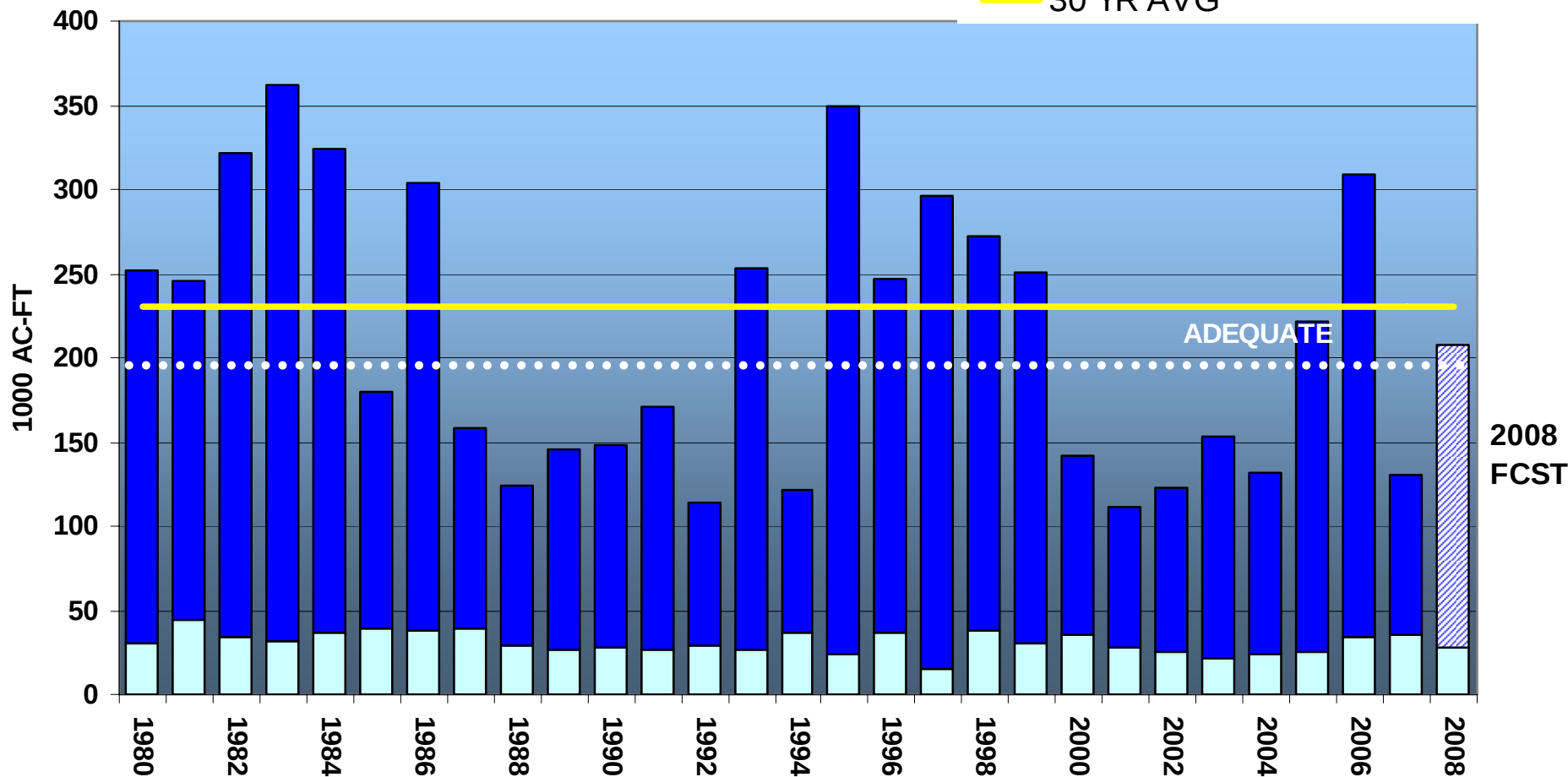
SALMON FALLS CREEK NR SAN JACINTO, NV
MARCH THROUGH SEPTEMBER VOLUME
+ SALMON FALLS RESERVOIR



BIG LOST APR - SEP FLOW VOLUMES MACKAY RESERVOIR END OF MARCH STORAGE

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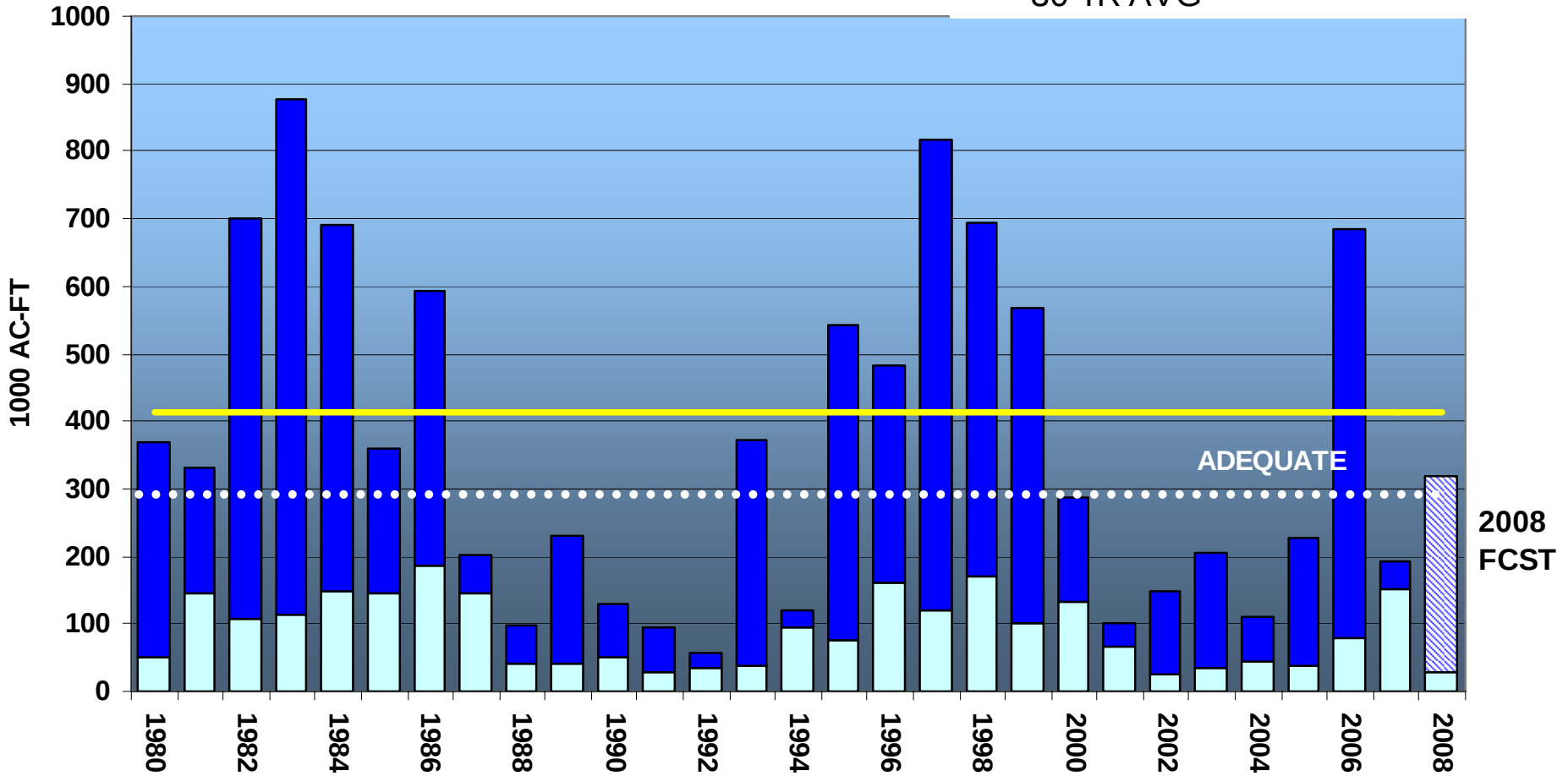


BIG WOOD APR - SEP FLOW VOLUMES **MAGIC STORAGE MARCH 31**

MAGIC INFLOW

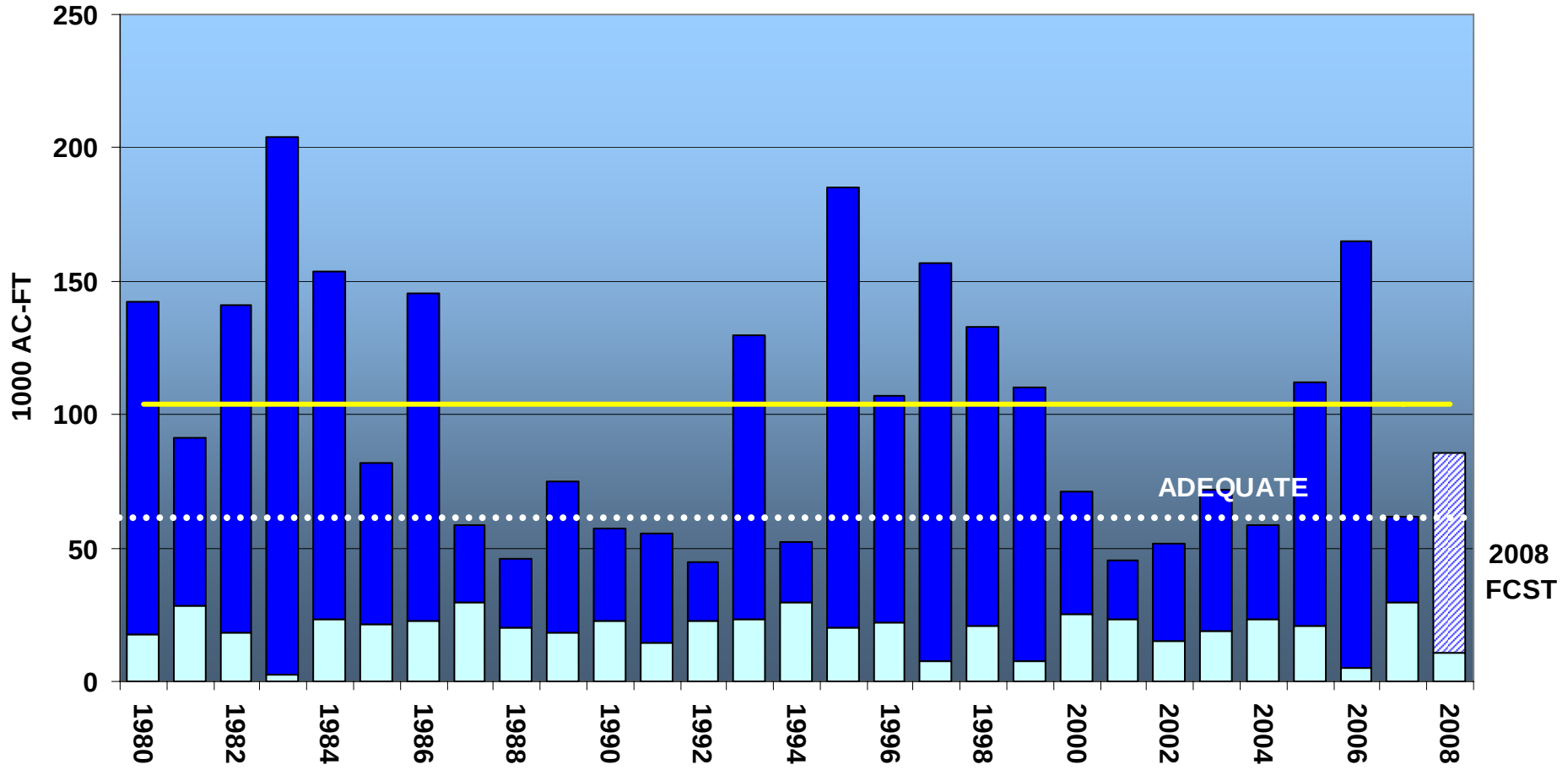
**MAGIC RESERVOIR END OF
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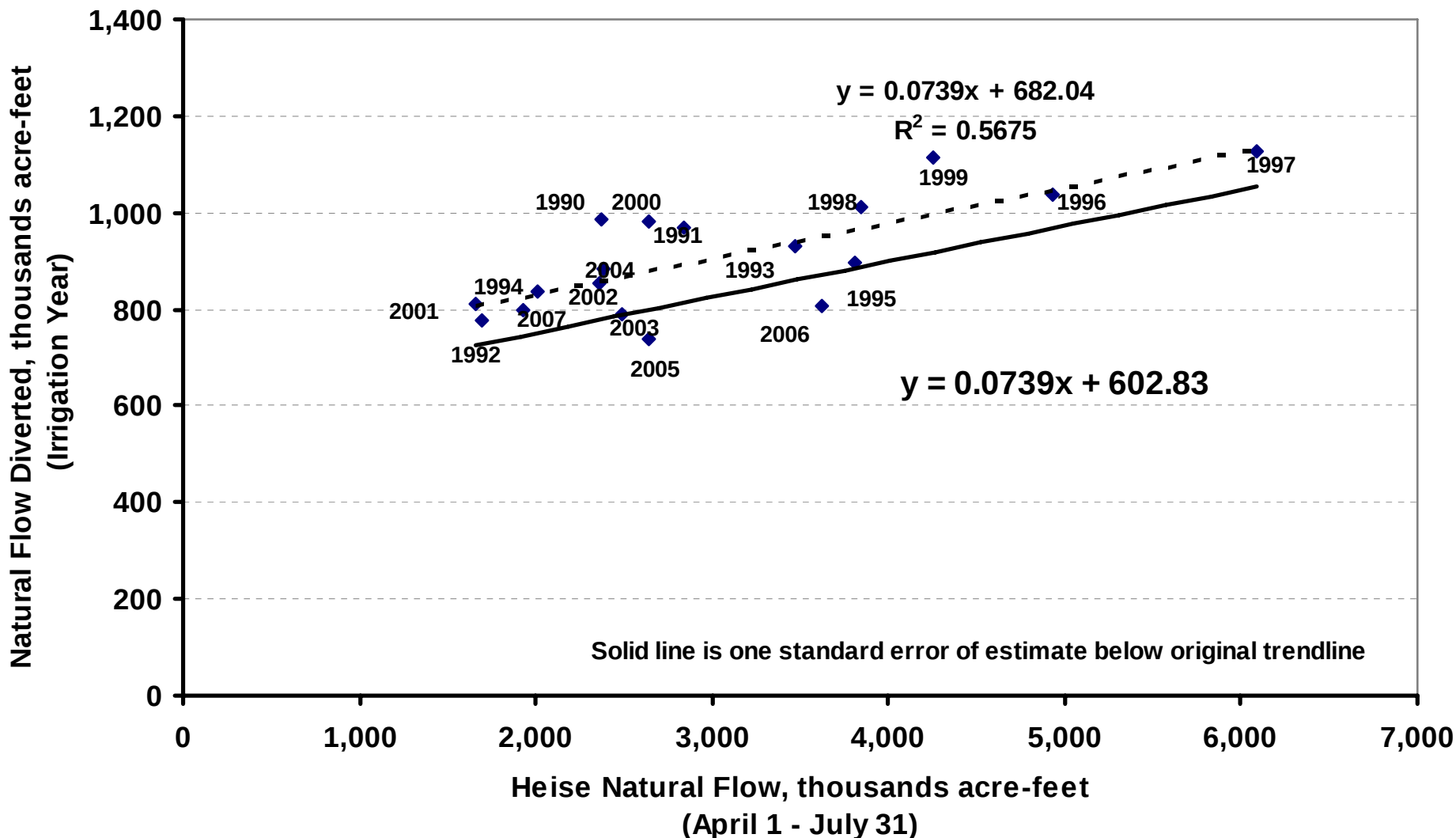


ESPA GROUND WATER CURTAILMENT SURFACE WATER COALITION CALL

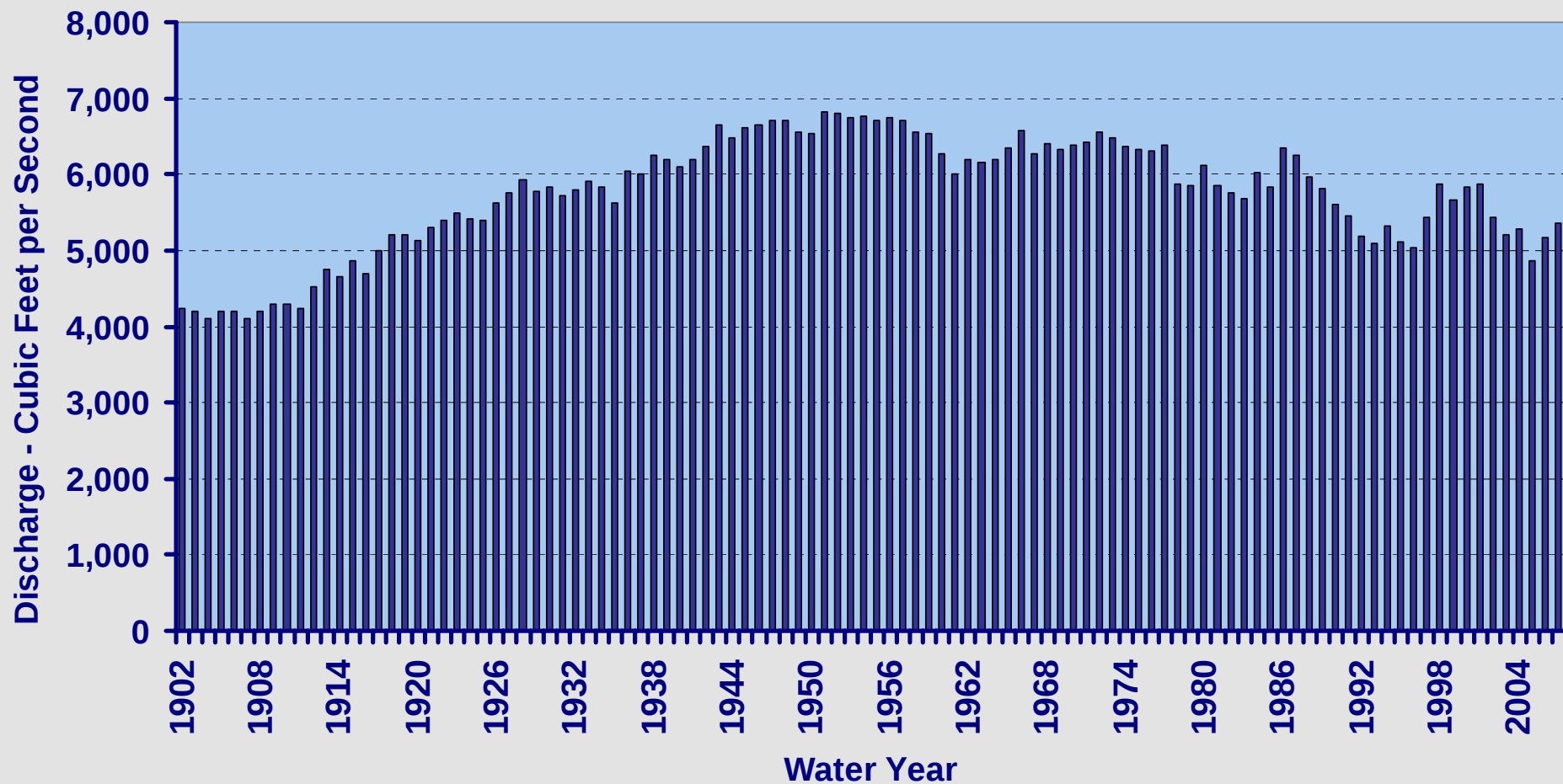
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	78	2005	2,643	27,700	0	27-Feb-79
	66	2007	1,923	486,000	482,449	19-Sep-60
	48	1977	1,177	720,000	703,074	4-Sep-50

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Natural Flow Diversions with Heise Inflow



**AVERAGE ANNUAL SPRING DISCHARGE TO SNAKE RIVER
BETWEEN MILNER AND KING HILL
1902-2007**



SNAKE RIVER AT LOWER GRANITE

